

This book is a means of recognizing the Cook family. Reportedly the family took the name of their former slave owners. Research indicates that the family once lived in Semopolis, Ala. In an attempt to secure better employment they migrated to what was then known as Scranton, Wis. The name of the town was later changed to Pascagoula. The family's religious affiliation was Baptist. As a matter of fact, the church they attended was once known as the Cook family church. The church's name was later changed to Union Baptist. A more detailed accounting of the church has been submitted with this report.

The family's existence in the area has been traced back as far as 1875. To this day members of the Cook family continue to reside here. An attempt at making a geological report for your inspection will be made here. The writer would like to thank the persons who worked with him in compiling this report.

Andrew and Phyllis Cook were found to be the roots from which the Cook family of today sprang. Andrew was considerably older than his wife. Attempts to find information regarding his character have been futile. A plausible explanation could be that he did not live long enough for members of the family at that time to get to know him. On the other hand, Phyllis lived to be quite elderly. She was described as a religious woman. Great-granddaughter Elizabeth Rickett describes her as having been kind.

Research indicates that at least eight children were born to Andrew and Phyllis. These children were Moses, Elizabeth, Philip, Ben, Jerry, Robert, Enouch, Lucy, and Andrew. Elder child Moses's first wife was named Mary. To this marriage five children were born. These children were Edward, James,

Isiah, Moses, and Mahalia. Moses's second wife was named Julia. A daughter, Lily was to this marriage. The Hyde family of Pascagoula are all descendants of Moses.

Elizabeth Cook Phillips, her children Helen, Riley, Andrew, and Richell Ann lived in the same home with her brother Jerry and his wife Sarah. As an adult Helen had a daughter named Emma. In adult life, Emma married Son Taylor. The children from this marriage were Arthur, Helen, Riley, Ciero, Alma, and Ernest. In adult life Ciero married Albert Hurst. The children from this marriage were Robert, Barbara Jean, and Loranda.

^{of a slave, a former} Ben Cook grew up and married Rebecca Davis of Mobile, Al. The eleven children of this marriage were Eugene, Estelle, Edgar, Lula, Lorenzo, Lora, Lily, Earl, Fred, Easter, and Judge.

Eugene - During the course of his life, he married three times. His wife Milisa bore his only child. Their child was named Estelle. As an adult married twice. Her first husband was named Simpson McGill. Her second husband was named Edward Washington. She had no children.

Estelle Cook never married or had any children. Lula married John Dorsey. Their only child was named Lula. Lorenzo never married or had any children. Lora married Charles Jackson. They had no children. Lily married Robert Joseph. The children from this union were Celestine and Verena. Earl was twice married. He and first wife Elaine had four children. The children from this marriage were Olivia, Marie, Earl, and Emile.

In adult life Olivia gave birth to three daughters. The children's names were Janice, Vermel, & Jacqueline. The identity of Olivia's husband is unknown. As an adult Janice had two daughters. The eldest is named Camilla. Her younger sister was named Lucile. Vermel also has two two daughters. One of her children is named Sylvia Pearson and the other, Elena Beverly. Sylvia's

second child, Germaine Pearson. Elena's two children are Tawana and Lavonte Beverly. Jacqueline presently lives in Mobile. Marie grew up and gave birth to Emile Joseph Cook Jr. In adult life he married Ernestine Borrett. Four children were born to them. Offspring from this union are Karen A. Cook McConery, Jocelyn E. Cook, Marie L. Cook, & Emile J. Cook Jr. Karen has a baby daughter named Princess Lara McConery.

Emile, Marie's brother, never became a father. There was no further information available regarding him. Earl was married twice. His first wife was named Ethel Rose and his second Audrey.

Fred Cook grew up and married Eudora Pearl Hornel. They had four children. The children from this marriage were Fred Jr, Leonard, Audrey, and Vernon. At one time, Fred and his wife ran a grocery store. Fred also worked at the Paper mill and kept a garden for many years. His wife Eudora, taught school and for many years ran her own kindergarten. Fred Jr. grew up and married Mildred Edwards. Three children were born of this marriage. The offspring from this union were Sondra, Paula, and Fred III. Sondra grew up and married Morris Binion. Children from this union are Paula & Morris Binion Jr. Paula was once married to Tony Cooper. One child Tony Jr. was born to this couple. Paula later married Robert Evans. Children from this union are Kenya Roshannado, Ericka Sharon and Lasheta Regina. Frederick III's wife is named Valerie. One of their children is named Frederick Cook II.

Leonard Cook Jr. married Gertrude McDonald. Their three children are Beverly, Janet, and Leonard Cook Jr. In adult life Janet married Eddie Morris. Their only child is named Daniel. Leonard Jr.

Audrey Pearl Cook married Albert Dudley McEuen Jr. Five children Albert Jr., Leonard, Audrey, Shirley, and Randolph were born to this union. As adults Albert Jr. married and later divorced Shirley Green. To this union was born their daughter Tamekia. Albert Jr. later married Patricia Dawson. To this union Albert III, Armond, and Alexander were born. Audrey's eldest daughter is named Shirlean. She later came to marry Norman Smith. One child, Jasmine was born to them. The couple have since divorced. Shirley married Eric Bonner. Their two children are named Erica and Eric Jr. Randolph married Terri Alexander. Their infant daughter is named Gabriell.

Vernon Cook Sr. married Katherine Lawrence. Three children Vernon Jr., Cathy, and Sharon were born to them. Vernon's first wife was named Felicia. His present wife is named Sharon. They have two children. Cathy's first husband was Robert Wordlaw. One child Crystal Nashay was born to this union. The couple later divorced and Cathy came to marry James Reid. One child Chiquetta was born to this union. Sharon married Thomas Smith. Their eldest child is named Thomas Jr. III The middle child is named Derrick. The name of the youngest child is unavailable.

Easter Cook grew up and married Albert Thompson. Two children were born to them. One child was named Eva. The name of their son was unavailable.

Judge Norman Cook married Willie Chapman. The children of this union were James, Norman Jr., Leo, Lorenzo, Eugene Willie Mae and Dolores.

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Robert Cook grew up and married. The name of his wife could not be determined. However, he was the father of three. The children were named Robert, Julius and Sella. His son Robert Lee married Mary Washington. The children of this union were Leslie, Irene, Rosa, Shirley + Robert Milton. In adult life Irene married. Her married name became McDonald. Rosa Lee married Warner Jacob Thomas Jr. He is now deceased. The children from this union are Warner Jr., Patrice Thomas Thomas, and Sella Thomas Barnett. The family resides in Cleveland Ohio.

Julius Cook's three children were named Mattie, J. B., and Julius. Sella's three children were Emmitt, a daughter name Tonsey and Samuel.

~~John~~ Enoch Cook ~~was a minister~~. His first wife was named Evaline. Three children were born to this union. The children were Lucy, Clifton, and Nettie. In adult life Clifton and Nettie moved to Chicago. Lucy married Eugene Bostic Jr. Mr. Bostic was a deacon in his church. The children born to this union were Elizabeth, Eugene, Ella Mae, Edward, Willie, Alvina and Evaline. In adult life Elizabeth married Ralph Pickett. The children of this union were Rafe - who in adult life married Thema Washington, Marvin - who in adult life married Lounenia Alkelon, Edward - who in adult life married Kallie Johnson, Sanford - who in adult life married Ann Torres, Albert - who in adult life married Donna W. Free, George - who in adult life married Dorell Ashford, Alzada - married James Betts, Louann - married Kenneth Swann and Francis - who in adult life married Palmer Courtland.

Elizabeth is also grandmother of 36

Eugene Bostic Jr. grew up and married Anna Sherwood. They had no children. Ella Mae married John West White. Their three children were named Robert, Evaline, and Elsie. Edward's wife was named Ruth. They had no children. Willie's wife was named Margie. No further information regarding him was available. The identity of Alvin's wife is not known. His two children were Josephine and Alma. Evaline married Zideo Mc Dougle.

Elizabeth's parents and siblings are now deceased. She spoke with the writer about her childhood. Due to mother's having died at a young age she decided to stay home and help her father rear her younger siblings. Due to her father's position as deacon ministers were often brought over as guests.

Enoch Cook's first wife Evaline died as a young woman. His mother Phyllis stepped in and reared the children for him. In later years Enoch married again. His wife was named Annie. The children from this marriage were Evaline, Christina, Jessal, Charles, Clarence, and Antonia. In adult life Evaline married Sylvester Surden. Maudess, Earline, Sylvester Jr and a child who died in infancy were born to this union. Maudess remembers her mother as a hard working woman. She collected insurance and kept a garden. By profession she was a teacher. In adult life Earline gave birth to Elaine. As an adult she married Eddie Hunter. Sylvester Jr. has two children by birth and two stepchildren. The biological children are named Ursula + Zelda. The other two are named Edgar Allen Kemp and Sherry Murrell Wood. Ursula has a son named Justine. Sherry has a son named Derrick. Edgar's wife

-Christinia married Eddie Lee Parsons Sr. Their three children were named Eddie Jr., Jimmy Clyde, and Annie V. Dessal Leah Cook died within a year of her marriage to John Henry Sawkins. Charles married Marie Brown. The children from this union were Charles Jr., Antonia, Cynthia, Cante, and Earline. Clarence's wife was named Lydia. A daughter named Dessal Leah and a son whose identity cannot be confirmed. Antonia married Walter Anderson. The children born to this union were named Lillian, Annie Christian, and Ethel Marie. Lillian grew up and married Louis Joe Sr. Their children are Louis Jr., Alex, Rose, Rita, Christal Debra, Dorryl, Sharon and Lexi. Annie Christian married Bobby Pierce. Ethel Marie married Joe Carter.

Lucy Cook died as a young woman she never married or had any children. What became of her brother Andrew is unknown.

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Lowndes County established January 1830
in 1837 Edward C. MC EWEN was in the Columbus Riflemen.

Pike County Mississippi
1798-1876
Pioneer Families and
Confederate Soldiers
Luke Ward Conerly

Mathew and Archie McEWAN came from Carolina in 1800
and settled on Topisaw. James, a son of Mathew,
married Nancy Barnes widow of John Barnes. Nancy
was a Bearden before she married John Barnes.

Church History

The Cook's Church, later named Union Baptist Church was founded in May 1875 at the site where the home of Mrs. Elizabeth and the late Rafe Pickett now stands on Norwood Street in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The earliest Pastor on record was Pastor Richardson. Some of the members were: Andrew Cook, Moses Cook, Dicey Crump, Jennie Crump, Benjamin Cook and Emma Knight. They stayed at church all day on Sundays eating on the grounds.

The Church was rebuilt on South Pascagoula Street, where the Pascagoula Junior High School now stands. In 1922, the Pastor of the church was William Banks; Deacons: A. James, A. L. Johnson, E. B. Bostic and Rafe Pickett; Trustees: Charles Jones, E. L. Latimer, W. Q. Johnson, William Gaylor, John Durden, and A. Herger; Clerk: A. James; Superintendent of the Sunday School: Robert Reese; Clerk: Jessie Desso; Mother of the Church: Betty Fairley.

Records of earlier Pastors include: Leo Jackson, C. H. English, Smith, G. W. Palmore and Carey. Pastor H. Y. Donahue rebuilt the church in 1946 where it now stands on the Corner of Dupont and Market Streets, Deacons at the time were: Lee Herger, Rafe Pickett, C. J. Patton, E. S. Williams, Eugene Bostic Jr. and James Whitehead; Trustees: B. B. Jennings, Charlie Knight and Lee Willis; Church Clerk: Ephraim Barnes; Mother of the Church: Susie Grannum; Matron of the Usher board: Annie Cook. While Rev. Donahue was sick Rev. Sam Lewis served the Church.

After the death of Pastor Donahue June 6, 1953 Pastor G. J. Martin came and served faithfully for twenty-five years. Deacons were: E. S. Williams, Lee Herger, Fred Kimball, James Whitehead, Rafe Pickett and C. N. Patton; Trustees: Ephraim Barnes, Charles Knight, B. B. Jennings, Edward Parson, Lee Willis and Leroy Russell; Clerk: Winsley Phelps; Superintendent of Sunday School: Irma Herger and Lee Willis; Mother of the Church: Sadie Harvey; Musician: Thelma Williams.

Our present Pastor, Rev. Larry G. Hawkins, was elected on February 20, 1988. Present Deacons are: James Whitehead, Bilbo Rodgers, W. C. Camper, R. B. Williams, Sammie Spencer, Roosevelt Crockett, Marvin Pickett, Will Davis, Clarence Wells and J. R. Davidson; Trustees: Robert Cobb; Willie Jones, Alton Williams, John Armstead, Lewis Shelby, Troy Parker and Norma Caples; Director of Christian Education: Geraldine Barnes; Minister of Music: Marvin Pickett; Musicians: Dennis Pickett, Carlos Lett and Blanche Jones. The church has four associate Ministers: Herman Shropshire, Jack Nelson, Rashid Parson and Greg Croon; Clerks: Eloise Russell, Grace Crockett and Catherine Huckleby; Mother of the Church: Susie Williams.

The Sanctuary Celebration
May 27, 1990
The Entrance Moments Begin The Worship

"This hour belongs to Thee Dear Lord, quiet and still, help us wait before Thee, till thou our soul doth fill."

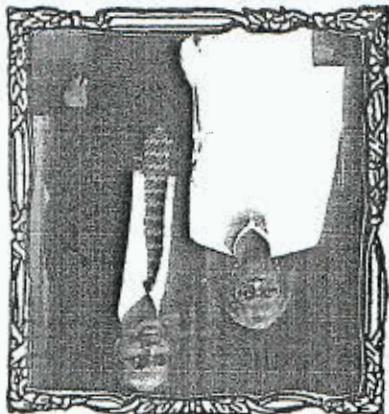
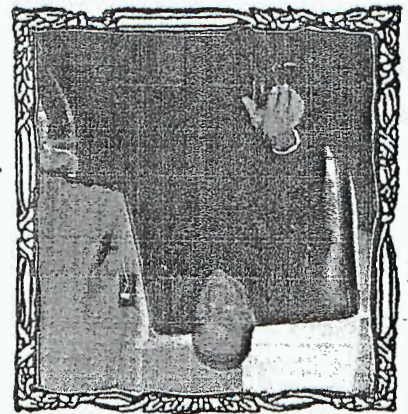
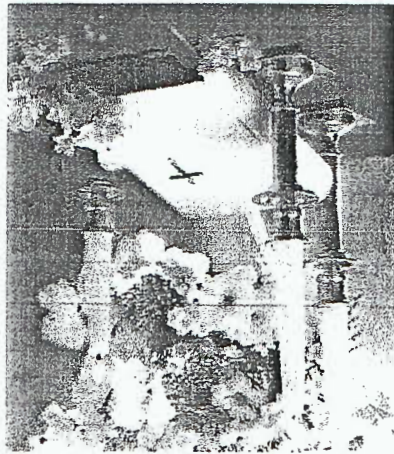
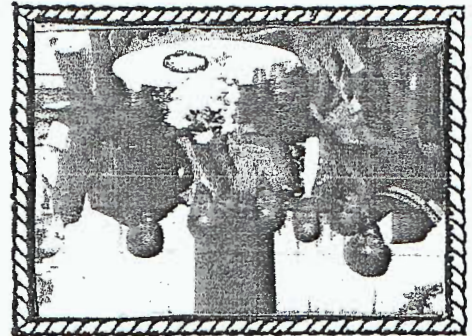
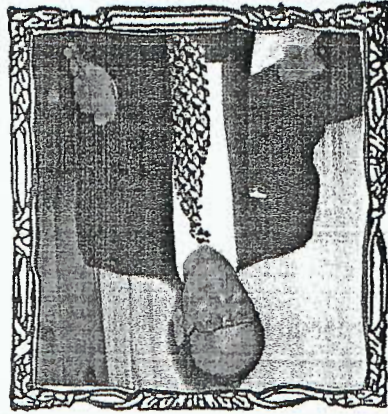
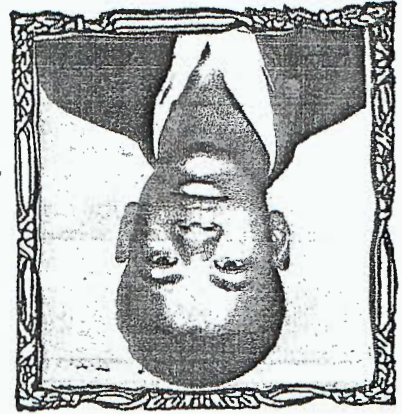
****Prelude**

Devotion.....C. Wells, R. B. Williams, B. Brazzle
Mistress Of Ceremony.....Climerteen Mathney
Welcome.....Armetha Thompson
Selection.....Senior Choir
Tribute to Church.....Carol Lewis
Selection.....Celestial Choir
History.....Elosie Russell
Selection.....Youth Choir

"Worshipping Through Giving"
Tithes/Offering

Offertory Chant.....Congregation
Selection.....Male Chorus
Presentation of Preacher.....Pastor Hawkins
Selections.....St. Peter Baptist Church
*Sermonic Hymn.....Congregation
***Sermon.....Rev. William Marshall, Pastor
St. Peter Baptist Church
Invitational Hymn.....St. Peter Baptist Church
Observations.....Pastor Hawkins

Benediction

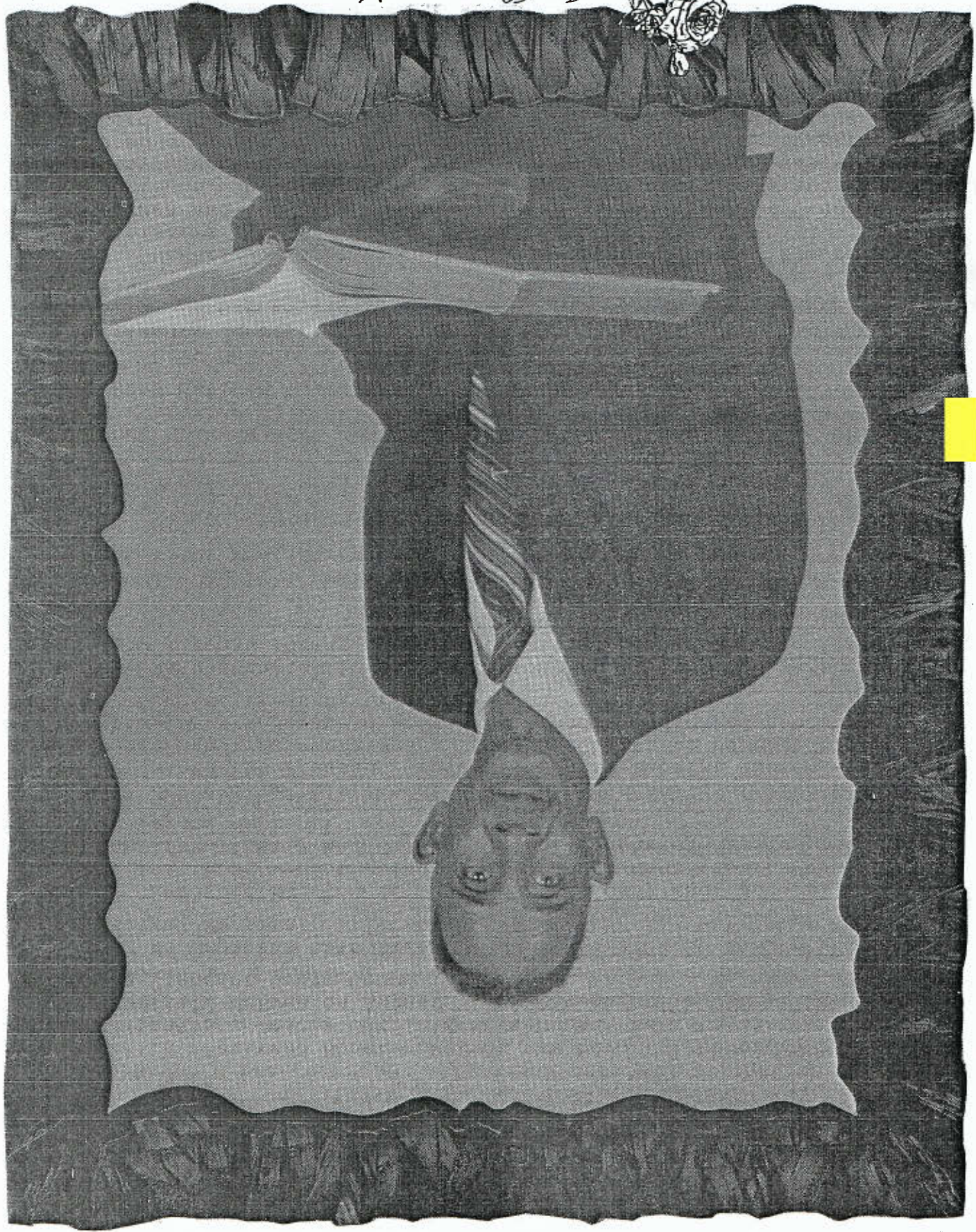


Reflections of Precious Memories



DR. REVEREND HOUSTON CEMEN

In Loving Memory





A Wife's Tribute

By — Inez McEwen

Thank you dear God for sharing Houston with me. Our relationship as husband and wife was a very special union and I am grateful for the opportunity to have shared so many years with him.

Houston, I remember so vividly how we shared both the good and bad times, wondering in some instances if the bad times would end. With God's help, we seem to have always emerged with greater strength and courage than we had known before. God blessed our relationship, and we were able to grow as one, setting our goals and achieving those goals.

Indeed at times it would seem hopeless, but we would always stop to remind ourselves that God would not give us more than we could bear — you remembered this special promise more often than I can recall. Sometimes, you would say that maybe we did not deserve all the special blessings, but would finally conclude that "Somebody is up there looking out for me." I admired that quality in you — recognizing God's work through you and praising Him for His goodness.

There were other qualities I also admired (to list a few of them): your love for me and for your family, church families, your constant concern for our well-being and our happiness; your concern for others — you seemed so willing to help others in whatever way you could; and your constant struggle to always achieve the best for yourself and for your family. I especially admired your ability to persevere — you simply would not give up, you refused to take "no" as a final decision.

You did things your way, which was God's way, and you would acknowledge God's help in your decisions. You have said so often: "God gave me a brain and He expects me to use it." You was a man dedicated to the progress of our Community, Churches and the Spiritual need of all people.

I cannot begin to say all the things I would like to say, because there would not be enough time nor space in which to write them.

Houston, because of you and your faith in God, and your confidence in yourself as a servant of God, I feel that I have the strength and courage to continue to reach the goals we set out to achieve. I shall always remember you in spirit and know that you, too, are with me and others you loved.

I will always thank God for sharing you with me, and thank you for being the person God intended for you to be.

Houston, all the pain and grief is over every restless tossing past; There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light. We believe there is no death! Just a door opening to lead us to eternal life. Our stars go down to rise upon some fairer shore; And bright in heaven's jewelled crown, they shine for evermore.

Thank God for the hope of a better country!

"IN REMEMBRANCE FOREVER"



Obituary

The Reverend Houston McEwen was born to the proud parents of the late Deacon Garfield McEwen and the late Sister Lottie Brumfield McEwen on August 31, 1915, Magnolia, MS (Pike County) The Pleasant Grove Community.

He departed this life May 28, 1993 at 9:30 A.M. - Walthal General Hospital, Tylertown, MS.

Reverend Houston or "Preacher" as many knew and called him by that name — Homegoing was a "great shock" to the church families, family and Communities of Southwest Mississippi, State and Nation.

He received his education from the schools of Pike County. He joined the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church many years ago. He confessed a "Hope In-Christ to prepare him for this "Day." Reverend McEwen remained a dedicated concerned member for Pleasant Grove M.B. Church.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Thelma Inez Marshall. They lived a loving, caring, committed, and dedicated life together as husband and wife. A couple that feared the Lord. He had a wife who was proud to be a minister's wife. One who considered it a noble calling to work beside her husband. She was a tower of strength.

His preaching career begin fifty-five years ago. He was called fifty-two years ago to be The Pastor of The New Star M.B. Church. He has pastored East Sunny Hill M.B. Church, St. Chapel M.B. Church, Mt. Moriah M.B. Church, St. John M.B. Church, Shady Grove M.B. Church, and New Damascus M.B. Church. He was responsible for building four churches and re-modeled three during his pastorage of fifty-two years.

Rev. McEwen was a Pastor, A Shepherd, A Counselor, and friend. He reproved and rebuked, but always in a spirit of love. Those in trouble knew him as a friend, one that was always there when they needed him.

His life was an example to his church members, his fellow ministers and all who knew him (neighbors and friends). He worked and led his members in love, wisdom, humility, courage, patience, joy and self-denial. Only God could have enabled him to serve as he served. His favorite scripture was — Joshua 24:15"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Subject — "Make up your mind". He was committed to God's word, his ministry, the historic christian faith. "Geared to The Times, But Anchored To The Rock".

He also devoted time and energy to other worthy organizations: He was Chaplain — Men and Women's Progressive Society and The District Convention of Southwest Mississippi, Vice-

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President of the Bala Chitto Baptist Sunday School Convention Congress, Usher for many years for The Mississippi Christian Baptist Association and the South Mississippi and East Louisiana Baptist District Convention, just to name a few of the positions he held. A man who personally "Knew God". A man who was Just in his dealings with his fellowman. A man totally committed to God.

He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted and loving wife of many years, Sister Houston McEwen (Thelma Inez).

Five Brothers:

Taft McEwen Magnolia, MS
Reynold McEwen Chicago, IL
T. D. McEwen McComb, MS
A. D. McEwen Pascagoula, MS
O. D. McEwen Magnolia, MS
(One brother, G. W. McEwen preceded him in death.)

One Sister:

Sister Alta Mae McEwen McComb, MS
(Three sisters preceded him in death.)
Sister Arie Cornerly
Sister Ina Nelson
Sister Eva Lee Brown

A host of Nieces, Nephews, Sisters-In-Law, Cousins, Church Families, Ministers, and dear friends.

"SERVANT OF GOD WELL DONE. REST FROM THY LOVE EMPLOY.
THE BATTLE FOUGHT, THE VICTORY WON, ENTER THY MASTER'S JOY."

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WAKE SERVICE:

Wednesday, June 2, 1993 — 7:00 P.M.

REVEREND DR. LUTHER E. McEWEN PRESIDING
SELECTION CHOIR & CONGREGATION

DEVOTIONAL TRIBUTES:

SCRIPTURE
PRAYER

SELECTION CHOIR & CONGREGATION

WORDS OF REFLECTIONS:

New Star Missionary Church
East Sunny Hill M.B. Church
St. Chapel M.B. Church
Mt. Moriah M.B. Church
St. John M.B. Church
Shady Grove M.B. Church
New Damascus M.B. Church

ADDRESS DR. REVEREND O. D. EVANS

PARTING AND CONVERSING WITH FAMILY _____

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FUNERAL SERVICE:

Thursday, June 3, 1993 — 1:00 P. M.

Order of Service

PRELUDE ORGANIST & PIANIST

PROCESSIONAL MINISTERS, FAMILY, USHERS, Etc.

SELECTION GOSPEL CHORUS

DEVOTIONAL TRIBUTES:

Old Testament Scripture Psalm 90:1-10

Reverend E. L. Williams

New Testament Scripture II Corin. 5:1-9

Reverend Arnel Carter

Prayer Reverend A. Holmes

SELECTION GOSPEL CHORUS

"Reverend Houston McEwen Touched
The Lives of Many"

RESOLUTIONS _____

WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSION ASSOCIATION

Sister Mary A. Marks

OTHERS

(Two minutes please)

WORDS OF REFLECTIONS (As A Friend) BRO. FREEMAN ALFORD

TRIBUTE IN SONG DEACON TOMMIE MAGEE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS REVEREND MILTON PATTERSON

OBITUARY REVEREND J. H. BASS

WORDS OF COMFORT FROM THE MINISTERS DR. REVEREND E. LANDREWS

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EULOGY REVEREND TOM BAILEY

Pastor of Pleasant Grove M.B. Church

and _____

DR. REVEREND B. A. GOFF

Moderator,

Pearl River Association

EXPRESSION OF THANKS REVEREND CLEVELAND QUIN, JR.

VIEWING OF THE REMAINS _____

PEOPLE'S UNDERTAKING COMPANY STAFF IN CHARGE

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Card Of Thanks

The McEwen Family wishes to express their deepest heart felt **thanks** to the many friends, organizations, churches, ministers, and relatives for the giving of your time, prayers, love, spiritual and all services rendered during the illness and death of our loved one.

We deeply **appreciate** your calls, cards, florals, tasty food, and other acts of loving concern. It's refreshing to know, that so many remembered our loved one. And we are grateful to God for giving us faithful friends.

We are never quite prepared to face life's darkest hours alone. At such a time, the thoughtful expressions of friends in so many ways make the dawn come quicker, the burdens lighter, and the cross seem more like a crown.

Special Thanks

To all the Ministers for their consoling words, and their participation on program. You couldn't have made us feel better than you have by showing your love for our loved one. Your cooperation has been immeasurable, and we thank God for you. To People's Funeral Home Staff for their efficient service, and to our many neighbors and friends for your concern and patience down through the years.

May God grant each of you His richest blessings now and always!



<i>A precious one from us has gone,</i>	<i>And after a lonely heartache</i>
<i>A voice we love is stilled,</i>	<i>And many a silent tear,</i>
<i>A place is vacant in our hearts —</i>	<i>But always a beautiful memory —</i>
<i>Which never can be filled.</i>	<i>Of one we love so dear.</i>

Active Pallbearers

ACTIVE MINISTERS

Honorary Pallbearers

FIVE BROTHERS

Taft McEWEN
T. D. McEWEN

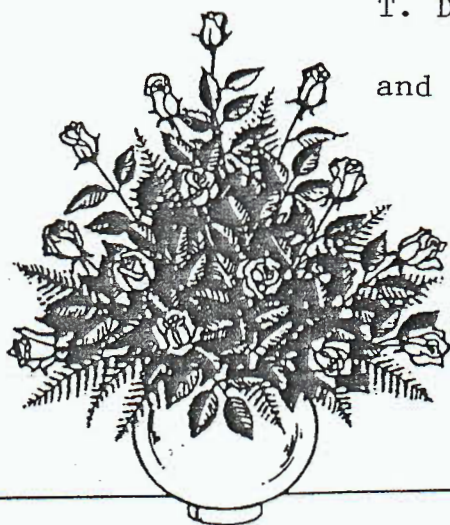
REYNOLD McEWEN
A. D. McEWEN

O. D. McEWEN

and DEACONS FROM ALL CHURCHES

Flower Bearers

MINISTERS WIVES and SISTERS FROM ALL
CHURCHES, and FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY



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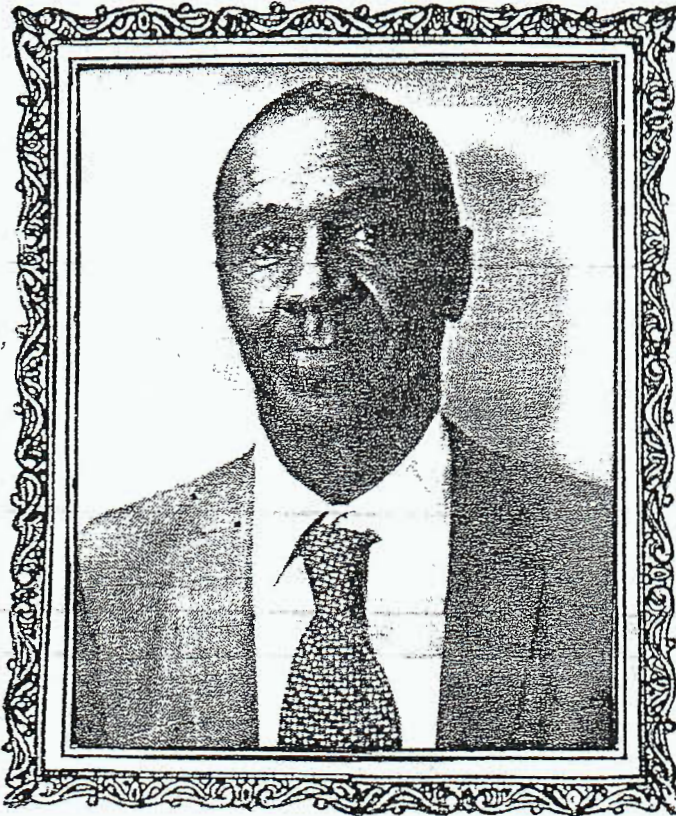
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*Life's Reflections
of the Late
Deacon Thomas James McEwen*



Sunrise:
December 25,
1917



Sunset:
February 6,
2002

"And you now therefore have sorrows, but I will see again, and your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh away,"

—John 16:22

*Sunday, February 10, 2002
2:30 P.M.*

*Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Pleasant Grove Road
Fernwood, Ms*

Rev. Hilton Harrell, Pastor/Officiant

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Expression of Thanks

The McEwen family would like to thank you our many friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate each of you who gave unselfishly of your time, commitments and love to our father. We will never forget you.

Special thanks to our pastor Rev. and Sis. Harrell, Rev. and Sis. Bailey, relatives and friends, The staff of Southwest MS Regional Medical Center and People's Undertaking Co. for their prompt and efficient services.

May God bless each of you.

—The Family

Active Pallbearers

Timothy Byrd
Terrence McEwen
Gerald McEwen, Jr.
Brian Sims

Anthony Dumas
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A. D. McEwen and Deacons of the Church

Flower Bearers

Ladies of the Church and Friends

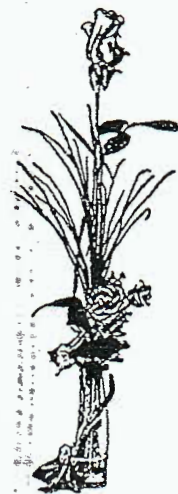
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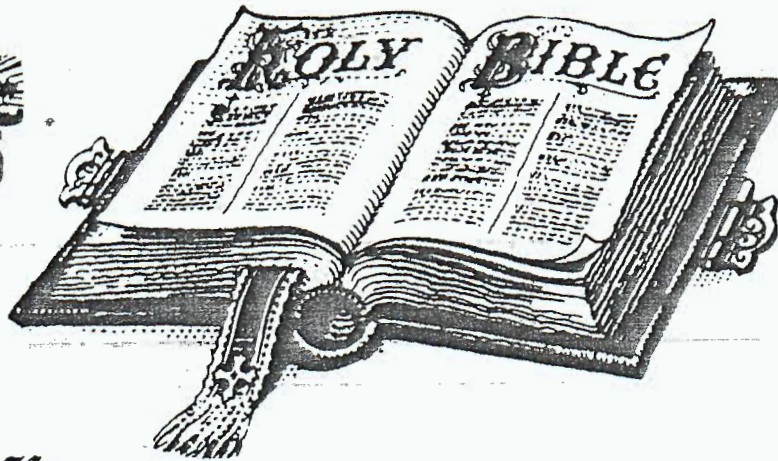
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FOR we know that if our earthly house of this
tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building
of God, an house not made with hands, eternal
in the heavens. —II Corinthians 5:1

WAKE SERVICE:

Wednesday, June 2, 1993 — 7:00 P.M.

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Tylertown, MS.

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McComb, MS.

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Thursday, June 3, 1993 — 1:00 P.M.

Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church

Highway 48, 7 miles east of Magnolia, MS

REVEREND HEZEKIAH SWANIGAN, PASTOR/PRESIDING

OFFICIATING:

REVEREND TOM BAILEY & REVEREND B. A. GOFF

To My Loved Ones

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found peace at the close of a day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

—I Remain Yours in Spirit



A Tribute With Love To Our Loved One—

"A Light From Our Household"

*A Light from our household is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.*

*Some may think you are forgotten,
Though on earth you are no more;
But in memory you are with us
As you always were before.*

*A heart of gold stopped beating,
Two shining eyes at rest;
God broke our hearts to prove,
HE only takes the best.*

*God knows you had to leave us,
But you didn't go alone,
For parts of us went with you
The day He took you home.*

—Your Loving Family

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Obituary

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings of eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

—Isaiah 40:31



Dea. Thomas James McEwen was born to the late proud parents Dea. Garfield Lottie Brumfield McEwen on December 25, 1917 in Magnolia, MS in the Pleasant ve Community.

He received his education from the schools of Pike County.

He joined the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and ed there until his death. He was involved in many organizations of the church and ide the church. He was Sunday School Superintendent for many years, Chairman ie deacon board, President of Lodge #19, Member of the Friendship Club and Good aritan and a member of NAACP. His favorite song was "Must Jesus Bear the Cross ae and All the World Go Free". He was a man that loved everyone especially his or. Dea. McEwen was loved by everyone. He always left you with some spiritual ce to live by. One of his favorite was "Stay with the Lord."

He worked at the Fernwood Industrial Plant for about 45 years, after retirement ept active in the community and the church.

He was preceded in death by: Two (2) sons: Edgar and John McEwen Four (4) rs: Arie Conerly, Ina Nelson, Eva Brown and Lottie Moline and Five (5) brothers: . Houston McEwen, Taft McEwen, Reynold McEwen, G. W. McEwen and Obediah 3wen.

He leaves to cherish his memory: His loving wife Clara Mae Stevenson McEwen 2 years; Sis (6) children: Rev. James (Ardis) McEwen, Clara (Julius) Conerly, ister Eva (Gerald) Sims, Abraham (Lois) McEwen, Jacob (Sandra) McEwen, Delos ce) McEwen; Twenty-one (21) Grandchildren; Fourteen (14) Great-Grandchildren; o sisters-in-law: Katie McEwen and Alice Brumfield; A host of nephews, nieces, sins, other relatives, church family and dear friends.

*Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy love employ.
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy
The pain of death are past
Labor and sorrow cease,
The life's long warfare closed at last
Thy soul is found in peace.*



Order of Service

Processional	Ministers & Family
Master of Ceremony	Dea. Robert Patterson
Song	Choir
Scripture	Appointee
Prayer	Appointee
Song	Choir
Tributes	(3 minutes please)
As A Superintendent & Deacon	Dea. Robert Simmons
As A Friend	Rev. Luther McEwen
As A Neighbor	Bro. Spence Nash
In Memory of Our Daddy	Rev. Eva Sims
Friends & Family	Appointee
Obituary	(read silently) Soft Music
Acknowledgments	Sis. Henriette McEwen
Solo	Sis. Mary Owens
Words of Comfort	Rev. Dr. Tom Bailey
Eulogy	Rev. Hilton Harrell
Card of Thanks	Bro. Timothy Byrd
A Parting Glance—	

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Recessional

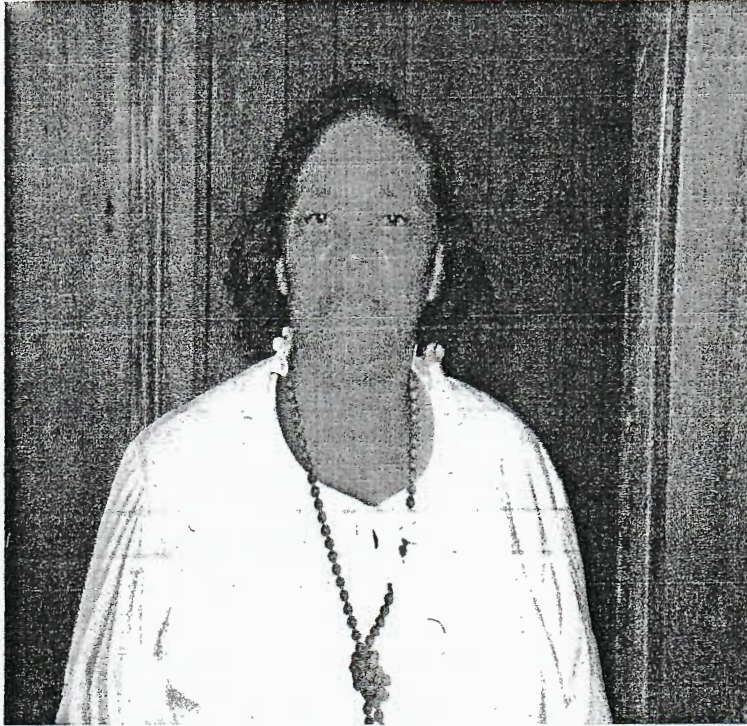
Repast: Church Fellowship Hall following the burial service

*A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we love is stilled,
A place is vacant in our hearts—
Which never can be filled.*



*And after a lonely heartache
And many a silent tear,
But always a beautiful memory—
Of one we love so dear.*

*Life's Reflections
Of the Late
Mama Clara McEwen*



*Sunrise
October 9, 1917*

*Sunset
January 29, 2008*

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, and I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: 2Timothy 4:6-8a

**Saturday, February 2, 2008
1:00 PM**

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
1076 Pleasant Grove Rd.
McComb, Ms 39648

Reverend Alexander White, Sr.

Pastor/Officiating

Order of Service

Processional *Clergy & Family*
Selection *Pleasant Grove Music Ministry*
Scripture *Psalm 121 & 2 Timothy 4:6-8* *Minister*
Hymn *Congregation*
Prayer *Pulpit*
Chant *Choir*
Selection *Choir*

Master of Service *Pastor White*
Tributes *3 minute expressions (please)*

As a Church Member.. *Sis. Alice Woods*
As a Friend *Sis. Clara Williams*
As a Neighbor *Sis. Dolsia Simmons*

In Memory of our Mother *Minister Eva Sims*
From the Family *Bro. A. D. McEwen*
Obituary *Read silently*
Acknowledgements of Cards & Telegrams *Sis Leola Grey*
Remarks *Dr. Tom Bailey*
Rev. Hosea Hines
Solo *Sis Norma Brent*
Eulogy *Rev. Alexander White, Sr. – Pastor*
Words of Encouragement *2 minutes only..... Clergy*
Card of Thanks *Sis. Mary Owens*

Final Glance

People's Funeral Home In Charge
(Please following directions)

Dismissal *Gravesite*

Pleasant Grove Cemetery



Obituary

O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD [endureth] forever. Praise ye the LORD. Psalm 117

Clara Mae Stevenson McEwen (October 9, 1917 – January 29, 2008)

Mother Clara Mae Stevenson McEwen, daughter of the late proud parents, Allen and Rosa Anna Young Stevenson, was born October 9th, 1917 in Magnolia, Mississippi in the St. John Community.

She was educated in the Pike County School system, where she received her 8th Grade Grammar Certificate on March 7th, 1936.

She departed this life, Tuesday, January 29, 2008 in Southwest Mississippi Medical Center, McComb, Mississippi, at the age of ninety years old. She accepted Christ as her Savior at an early age at St. John Baptist Church and later joined the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Fernwood after marriage, where she remained faithful until death. She showed forth her love for Christ and others through service. She served as a member of the Choir, Deaconess Board, Mission, Friendship Club and the Men & Women Progressive Christian Lodge of Fernwood. Her hobbies included quilting among many other things.

She was the faithful wife of the late Thomas James McEwen. Being a loving and caring mother, she taught her eight (8) children to read and write and instilled the gift of helping others in each of them. Preceding her in death were her sons, Edgar & John Lee McEwen, two (2) grandsons, one (1) great grandson one (1) sister, two (2) brothers, four (4) sisters- in - law and five (5) brothers – in- law.

She leaves to cherish her memories six (6) children, four (4) sons, Rev. James McEwen (Ardis) of McComb, MS., Deacon Delos McEwen (Alice), Abraham McEwen both of Magnolia, MS., and Jacob McEwen (Sandra) of Jackson, MS., 2 daughters, Clara (Julius) Conerly of Magnolia, MS., and Minister Eva (Gerald) Sims of Chicago, IL. A sister, Allie Mae Brumfield of Milwaukee, WI, (1) brother-in-law A.D. McEwen (Audrey) of Pascagoula, Ms and (1) sister-in-law, Katie McEwen of Magnolia, Ms, 20 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, 4 great- great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

*"Don't cry any more tears for me, I am at peace. I'm finally free.
Like the eagle in the sky, I am soaring. So, please don't cry.
I am not dead; I'm in sweet eternity, I'll live forever:
I know you love me. I love you, too. But, my time was over;
He called my name; He said come home I have ascended to a better place,
Which is not confined by time or space.*

*To those that loved me, I did not fall.
I only succumbed to a higher call.
Do not mourn me. I have sweet victory I am with you still. I'll be with you always,until."*

Words of Inspiration To My Family



"I've Done My Work"

I've done my work, I've sung my song
I've done some good, I've done some wrong.
And I shall go where I belong;
The Lord has willed it so.
He knows my heart and every thought
He knows what pain and joy I've brought,
And by his love, I shall be taught

The way to Him, I know.
He guides my steps and He knows best;
He will not harm where He is blest.
And so, goodnight, I'll take my rest
Where sweet wild roses grow.

—Author unknown

"Let the Work I've done Speak for Me"

God sent an angel to this earth,
We called you Momma you raised us from birth.
You listened to us through laughter and tears,
and were there for us all these years.

What will we do, what can we say?
For God has taken our angel away.

Go on spread your wings far above,
and fill the sky with your beautiful love.

The most giving woman I've ever known,
and now our Lord has called you home.

For a life eternal in His loving care,
by His grace one day we'll see you there.

Goodbye for now, Momma, until we meet again;
Our angel, Our mother, and Our best friend.

You were God Sent





I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.



I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
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If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

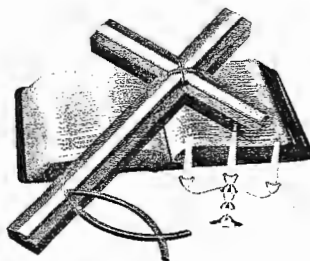


Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.



My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now, He set me free.





From Pastor Alexander White, Sr. & the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Family



Miss her, but let her go

She wants no rites in a gloom filled room
Cry not for her, her soul is free

Miss her a little - but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that you once shared
Miss her - but let me go

For this is a journey that we must all take
And each of us must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's plan
Another step on this road to home

When you are lonely, and sick of heart
go to God, He will comfort you, we know
and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss her - but let her go

To the family of Mother McEwen,

We love you and our prayers are with you. May God strengthen you each day.
We too, have lost someone we love dearly, as we grow from this experience,
Take comfort in knowing we are here for you as you are for us.
Let us all, *"Trust in the Lord and the power of his might"* and lean not to our
Own understanding but let Jesus lead us....

If you need us don't hesitate to call

To our friends and well wishers, who have come to help us celebrate this great occasion,
We thank you, for your support and prayers for the family
Yours in Christ,
Pastor White

Expression of Thanks

The McEwen family would like to thank you, our many friends and neighbors, for the many acts of kindness shown during home going of our loved one. We appreciate each of you who gave unselfishly of your time, commitments and love to our mother. We will never forget you.

Special thanks to our Pastor Rev. and Sis. White, relatives and friends, the staff of Southwest MS Regional Medical Center and People's Undertaking Co.

May God bless each of you.

---- The Family

Active Pallbearers

Timothy Byrd
Terrence McEwen
Gerald Sims, Jr.
Brian Sims

Anthony Dumas
Steven McEwen
Gregory Stalling
Randall McEwen

Honorary Pallbearers

Rev. James McEwen
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Jacob McEwen
Julius Conerly
Gerald Sims, Sr.

Flower bearers

Ladies of the Church and Friends

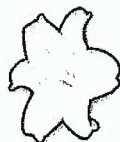
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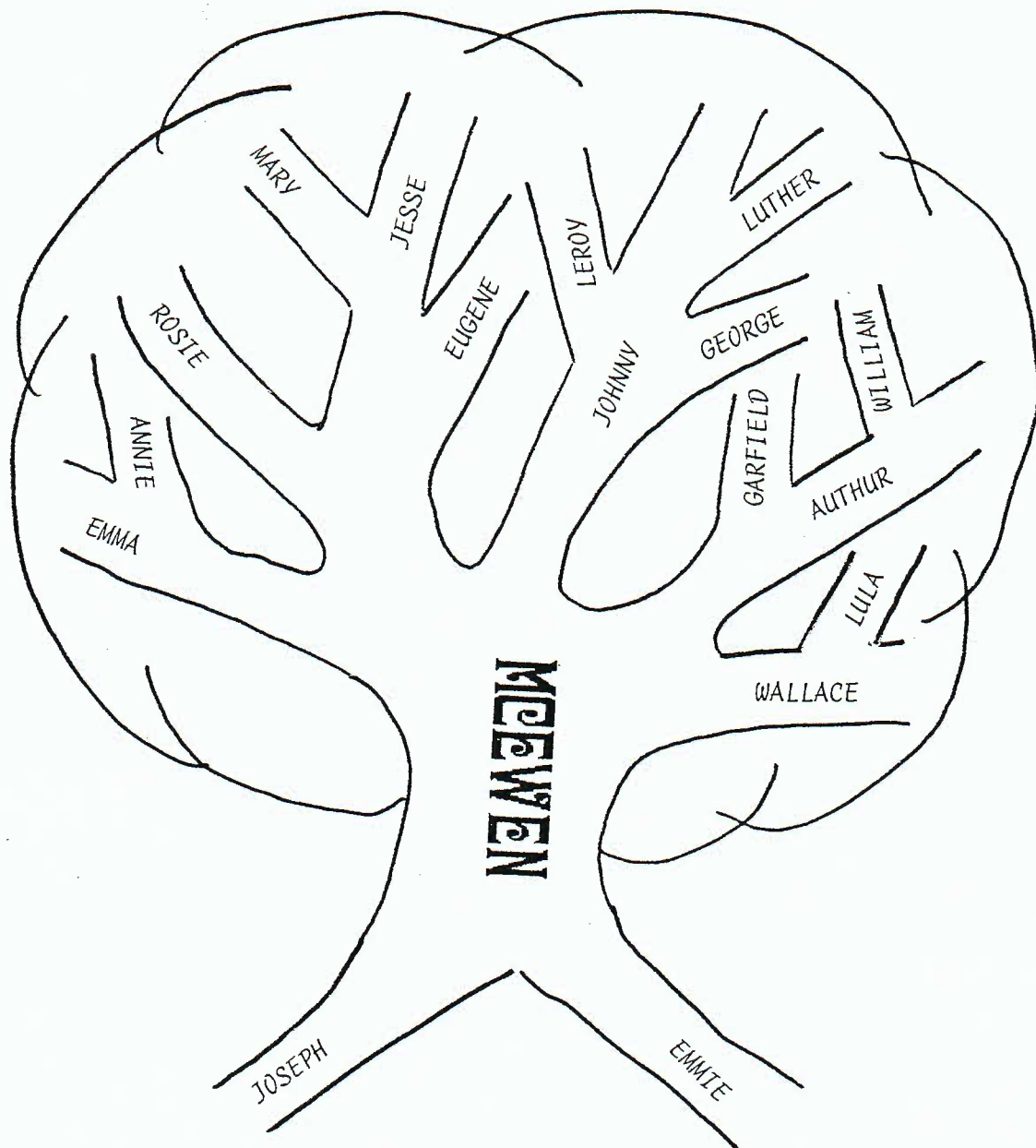
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MCEWEN FAMILY REUNION

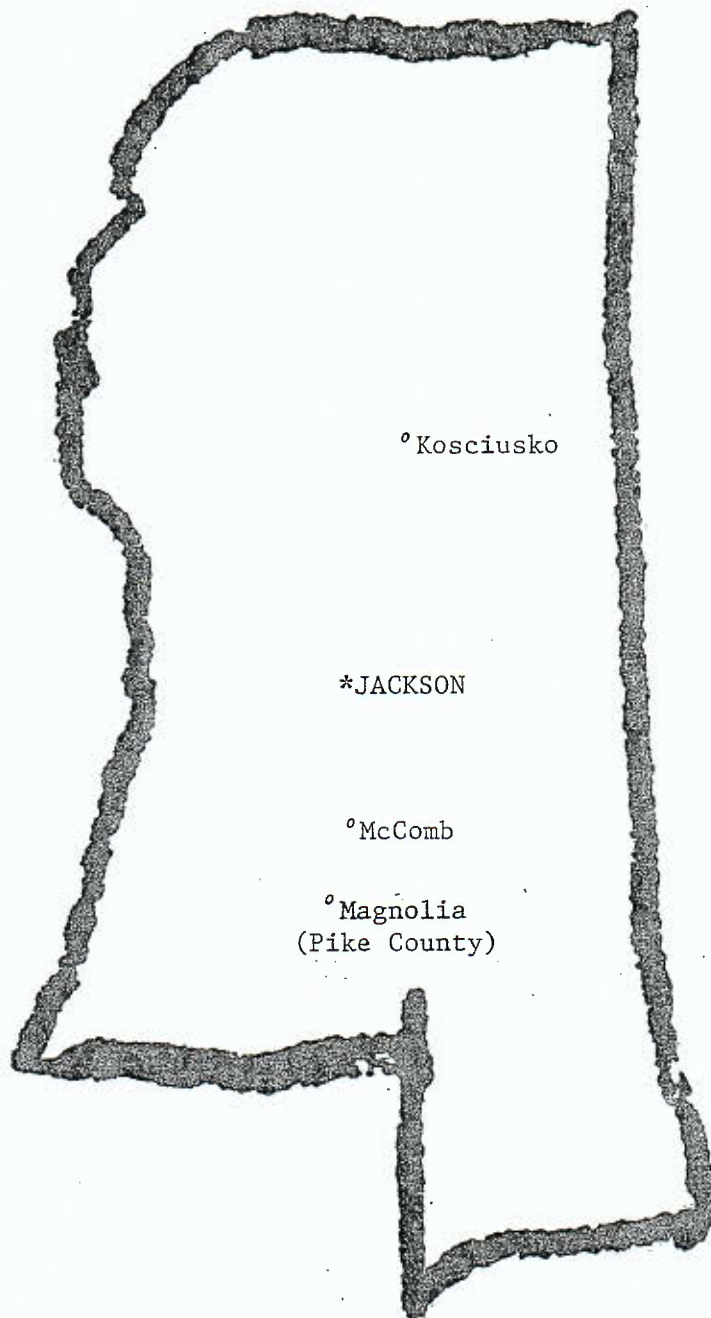
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FAMILY TREE

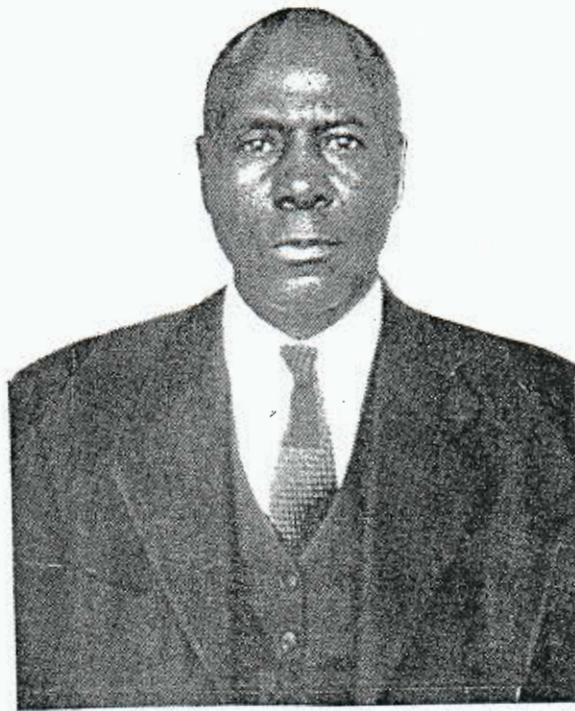
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REV. JOSEPH McEWEN

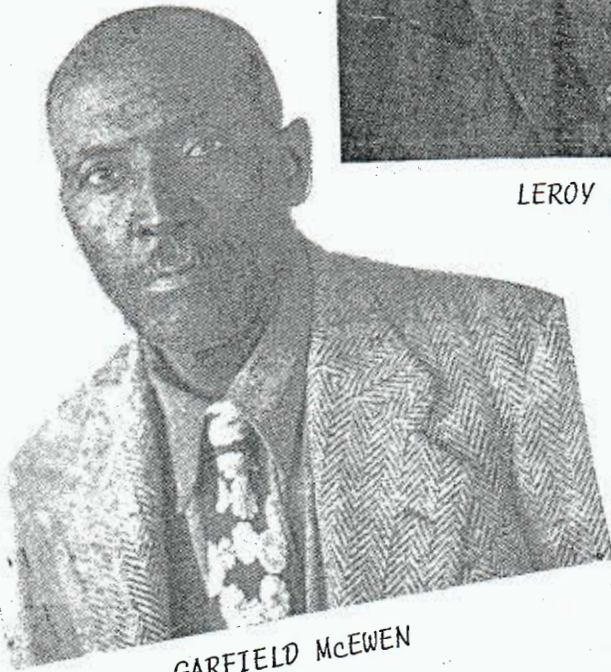


THE "TREE" FROM JOSEPH McEWEN'S ROOTS HAS GROWN TREMENDOUSLY AND ITS BRANCHES HAVE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE HOME STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND ACROSS THE LAND INTO MANY STATES.

INFORMATION ON THE DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH McEWEN IS STILL BEING COMPILED.



LERoy McEWEN



GARFIELD McEWEN



EUGENE McEWEN

OUR ANCESTRY

Like many African Americans we are not sure of our origin in America, but we have been able to orally trace four generations of McEwens. Beginning with Joseph McEwen whose roots were traced to Kosciusko, Mississippi. It is said that Joseph settled in Pike County, Mississippi in the mid to late 1800's - at present, it is not known whether he purchased land, but he is buried on the McEwen property in an unmarked grave. Joseph McEwen's kinship has be linked with the Elzey family, it is believed that he had a half-brother with the surname of Elzey.

Joseph McEwen married Emmie Brumfield and they are the parents of fifteen (15) children, they are: Wallace, Lula, Authur, William, Garfield, George, Luther Johnny, Leroy, Eugene, Jesse, Mary, Rosie, Annie and Emma McEwen. Joseph McEwen was also a minister. At present, we have compiled information on three (3) of these children.

Leroy McEwen was born in Pike County, Mississippi. He married Maude Brumfield around 1906. They had fifteen (15) children: Joseph, Ina, Golden, Essie Mae, Lucy, Mary, Paul, Henry, Eddie, Bertha, Lovia, John, Emma, Silas and Helen McEwen. Leroy McEwen was a farmer, a minister and pastor of various churches for many years.

Leroy and Maude instilled the importance of family unity in their children at an early age. They made Christmas a very special event, they made sure that everyone was together on Christmas Day for the family meal.

As the children grew up and began to leave home, Rev. McEwen stressed the importance of the family keeping the tradition of being together at Christmas. Since some of the children were married and had children of their own, Rev. McEwen was aware of the significance of his grandchildren being at home with their parents on Christmas Day. To allow this, he gave up Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day at his home and established Christmas Dinner on December 26th, with his children and grandchildren.

In 1953, Rev. McEwen became ill. When he realized the possibility of not recovering, he asked the children to make sure that their mother would never be left alone during the Christmas holidays, and to carry on the tradition of coming home to Magnolia, Mississippi for the Christmas Dinner with her. Rev. McEwen died in 1953. The family continued the family tradition along with their mother, Mrs. Maude Brumfield McEwen, until her death in 1969. The children then decided to take turns hosting the Christmas Dinner. They also changed the date to December 27th.

Realizing that most of the McEwen brothers and sisters had reached the "Senior Citizen" status, Ina McEwen Varnado suggested to them (in 1981) that they should meet twice a year, they all agreed. The family now gets together on December 27th and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July. The July gathering is in Magnolia, Mississippi at the home of Ina McEwen Varnado.

In July, 1990, some of the children and grandchildren of Garfield and Lottie McEwen along with the children and grandchildren of Eugene and Ellen McEwen attended the reunion and decided to make it an annual event.

Garfield McEwen was born in Pike County, Mississippi. He married Lottie Brumfield (Maude Brumfield's sister) and they were blessed with eleven children: Houston, George, Obediah, Thomas, Taft, Wrentles, Arie, Ina, Altie, Albert and Eva McEwen. Garfield McEwen was a farmer, a great community leader, deacon of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, and was owner of a country store. They met at the family home every year for Christmas Dinner. They continued this tradition until their golden years. Later they started meeting at the home of Thomas and Clara Mae McEwen in McComb, Mississippi - they kept this up until 1985.

Eugene McEwen was born July, 1885 in Pike County, Mississippi. He married Ellen Conerly and they are the parents of seven (7) children: DeLeon, Ora Lee, Annie Mae, James B., Flora, Charles and Luther McEwen. Eugene McEwen was a farmer, a great preacher and leader. It was not evident that he had little formal education because of his great command of words and his wonderful understanding of many things. He was instrumental in the founding of what we know today as Harper Baptist Seminary, Magnolia, Mississippi. He died at the age of 68, on July 29, 1953.

Compiled by:

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PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1991 - 1:00 P.M.

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Bridget Churchill

SONG

We've Come This Far By Faith

SCRIPTURE - JOHN 14

John McEwen

PRAAYER

A. D. McEwen

SELECTION

Family Choir

OCCASION/WELCOME

Ina M. Varnado

SOLO/TRIBUTE

REFLECTIONS - OUR HERITAGE

Clara Conerly

LOOKING AHEAD

Audron Robertson

AWARDS

Dianne Minor

- DINNER -

TRIBUTE

Just when you think he has reached his pinnacle, this
Outstanding man sets and reaches other goals and achieves greater
Heights of excellence; earning the respect of family and friends
Never one to be idle he brings dreams to fruition.

Making life comfortable for his wife and ten children - this
Charismatic, caring, playful, christian man continues to be
Enterprising. He showed early signs of being an entrepreneur
When he purchased a grocery store at age sixteen.
Enriching his life even further he is truly a man of God.
Never losing sight of his personal goals - this saved man

Served as a deacon of his church for many years.

Reflecting upon this precious man's numerous achievements
engenders immense love, pride and devotion.

Acrostic by:
K. Thompson



IN MEMORIAM

Joseph McEwen
Emmie Brumfield McEwen

Rev. Leroy McEwen
Maude Brumfield McEwen
Golden McEwen
Henry McEwen
Eddie McEwen
Essie Mae McEwen
Mary G. McEwen Cook
Joseph McEwen
Lucy McEwen Spears

Garfield McEwen
Lottie Brumfield McEwen
Ina McEwen Nelson
Eva McEwen Brown
Arie McEwen Conerly
George W. McEwen

Rev. Eugene McEwen
Ellie Conerly McEwen
DeLeon McEwen

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

Not-- "how did he die?"

But-- "how did he live?"

Not-- "what did he gain?"

But-- "what did he give?"

These are the units

To measure the worth

of a man, as a man

Regardless of birth.

SPEECH BY THE HONORABLE CLEO FIELDS
LOUISIANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JANUARY 16, 1989

With the	A	Accept the Challenges
With the	B	Be Your Best
With the	C	Combine your words with actions
With the	D	Dedicate your life to King's dream
With the	E	Expect some hard times
With the	F	Faith to fight for fairness
With the	G	Get God on your side
With the	H	Have a made up mind
With the	I	Inspire somebody Else
With the	J	Join Jesus on your Journey
With the	K	Keep on Keeping On
With the	L	Let your light shine everyday
With the	M	Make everyday count
With the	N	Never say "I can't"
With the	O	Overcome all your obstacles
With the	P	Put your best foot forward
With the	Q	Quit Quitting
With the	R	Run the race with patience
With the	S	Stand Strong!
With the	T	Trust in the Lord
With the	U	Use your talents
With the	V	Value your time
With the	W	Work until your work is done
With the	X	X-ray your own life-style and...
With the	Y	Yearn to achieve all the goals you seek
With the	Z	Zealously strive to reach your peak."

SUBMITTED BY: AUDRON SPEARS ROBERTSON

THE LESSON

Then Jesus took his disciples up the mountain and gathering them around him, taught them saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek.

Blessed are they that mourn.

Blessed are the merciful.

Blessed are they who thirst for justice.

Blessed are you when you suffer.

Be glad and rejoice for your reward is great in heaven.

Then Simon Peter said, "Do we have to write this down?"

And Andrew said, "Are we suppose to know this?"

And James said, "Will this be on the test?"

And Phillip said, "I don't have any paper."

And Bartholomew said, "The other disciples didn't have to learn this."

And John said, "Do we have to turn this in?"

And Matthew said, "Can I go to the Bathroom?"

And Judas said, "What does this have to do with real life?"

Then, one of the Pharisees who was present asked to see Jesus' lesson plan and inquired of Jesus: "Where is your anticipatory set of objectives in the cognitive domain?"

And Jesus wept.

Submitted by:
Audron Robertson

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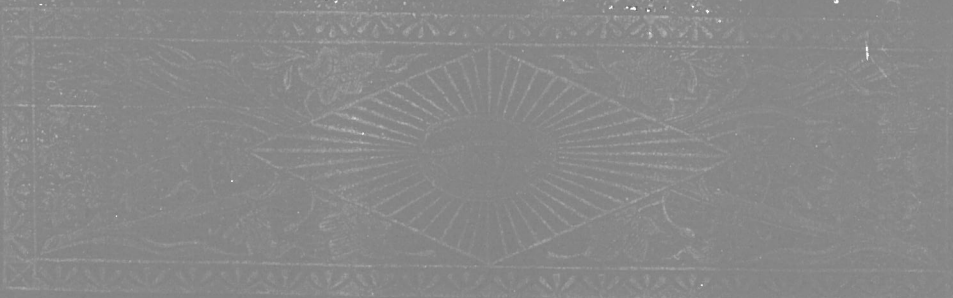
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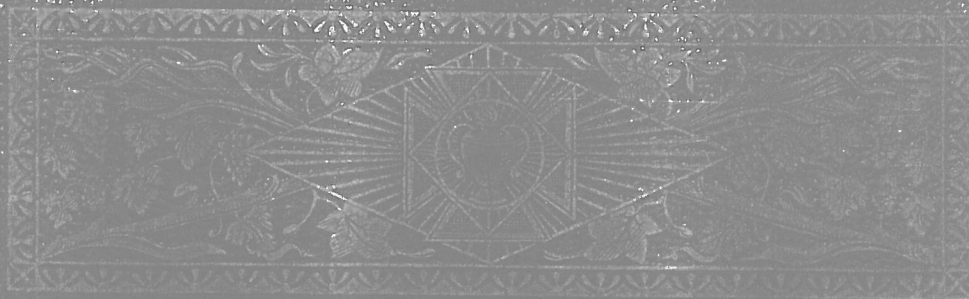
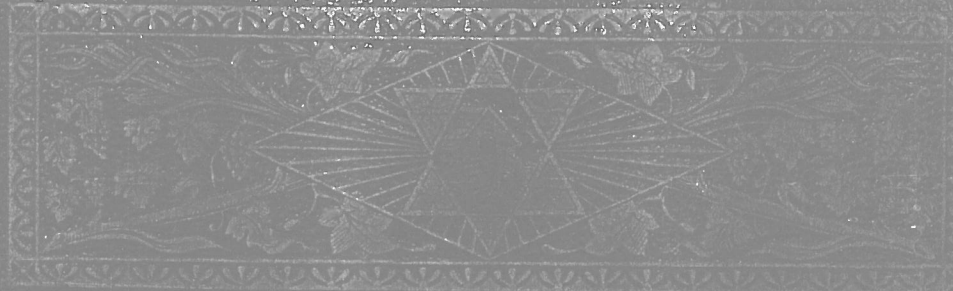
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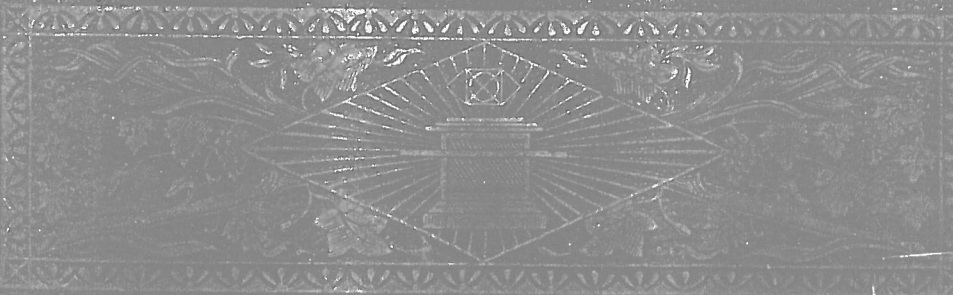
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THIS CERTIFIES
That George Elmer McEwen
of Williamsport, Pa
and Henrietta Janetta Darling
of Unity Wisconsin



WERE UNITED
BY ME IN THE

BONDS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

At Unity on the twenty fourth day of
December in the year of our Lord 1888

In Presence of _____

Signed _____

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BIRTHS

Georgia Beatrice	April 6 1891
Lucius Darling	August 22-1893
Fitz Elmer	November-11-1895
Ellen Rebecca	June -5- 1898
Henrietta	November-17-1902
George Arthur	January-22-1904
Ursula	November 24.1906
Donald Ivor	November 24.1906
Seth Henry	July 1- 1909
Walter Estienne	March 27.1912
Nan Allen	Jan 29 1917

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MARRIAGES

Wylie Etienne McEwen and Aileen Elisabeth Weathersby } 11-21-1942

DEATHS

Nam Allen

1918

Henriett Jennette

October 14 1931

Lucius Darling

June 1938

George E. McEwen

November 14 1961

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June 27 1969

Alex Rebecca Clark

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A graphic featuring a large anchor in the center. Above the anchor is a banner with the text "WHY SIGN THE". Below the anchor, the letters "GE" are on the left and "BE" is on the right, partially cut off.

6. Both science and experience prove that even moderate drinking is injurious to health.



NAMES

12. Intemperance obstructs civilization, education, religion and every useful reform.

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HE WILL BLESS ALL WHO WALK BEFORE HIM IN A PERFECT WAY

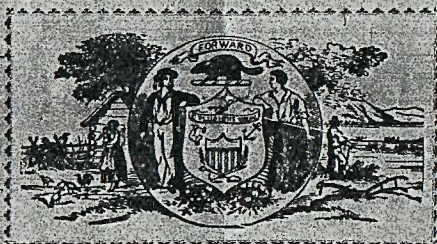
No. 33

Wisconsin Common Schools.

Second GRADE.



Marathon



County.



TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

It is Hereby Certified That *Margaret Darling* has passed a satisfactory examination upon all points required by law for a *Second* Grade Certificate, and is licensed to teach in the County of Marathon for *Two* years from date hereof, unless this Certificate is sooner annulled.

The following is *her* Standing in the General Branches, upon the scale of 100:

Orthography,.....	100	English Grammar,.....	96	Wisconsin Constitution,.....	90	Algebra,.....	66
Orthoepy,.....	94	Arithmetic,.....	88	U. S. Constitution,.....	91	Grammatical Analysis,.....	85
Reading,.....	95	Geography,.....	83	U. S. History,.....	82	Higher Algebra,.....	X
Pennmanship,.....	90	Physiology,.....	93	Theory and Art of Teaching,.....	88	Natural Philosophy,.....	X
				Physical Geography,.....	86	Geometry,.....	X

Age *25* Years Experience Months Attended the last County Institute Days.

Dated *Sept 1st* 1900.

John T. Lamont

County Superintendent.

DEPARTMENTS
OF
MEDICINE,
DENTISTRY
—AND—
PHARMACY.

OFFICE OF

Milwaukee Medical College.

NINTH AND WELLS STREETS.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Feb. 20, 1901.

Miss Margaret Darling,
Unity, Wis.

Dear Miss Darling:-

Your application is accepted
and I would like to have you
report for duty June 20, 1901.

The enclosed will tell you what
you will need.

Hoping that this arrangement
is satisfactory to you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Casey, Supt.

Per C. C. R.

Trinity Training School for Nurses.

200---Ninth Street.

Milwaukee, Wis.,

Feb 20, 1901

NAME

Miss M. B. Darling

ADDRESS

Trinity, Wis.

Dear Madam:

Your application for admission to the Training School is accepted and you will please report here on *June 20, 1901*

After having passed the entrance examination satisfactorily you will be received one month on probation.

You should bring with you the following articles: Two or three dresses of gingham or calico, made plainly, four linen collars, six large white aprons, bag for soiled clothes, one pair of blunt pointed scissors and pin ball, a good supply of plain underclothing, each article to be distinctly marked with your name.

You are required to wear broad toed, flat healed shoes. If your teeth are out of order in any way, they must receive attention before coming for the probationary month.

Bring your trunk check to the hospital.

Yours truly

M. E. Casper, C.S.N.
Supt. of Nurses.

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TEACHER'S CONTRACT.

It is Hereby Agreed By and between James School District No. One in the Town of Unity & Breghun, County of Clark & Marathon, State of Wisconsin, and Mrs Margaret Darling, a legally qualified teacher, that said teacher is to teach, govern and conduct the common school of said district to the best of her ability; keep a register of the daily attendance and studies of each pupil belonging to the school, and such other records as the District Board may require; make the report required by law, and endeavor to preserve, in good condition and order, the school house, grounds, furniture, apparatus, and such other district property as may come under the immediate supervision of said teacher, for a term of nine school months, commencing on the 5th day of Sept, 1898, for the sum of Thirty Five Dollars per school month, to be paid at the end of each month, ^{after Jan 1899} it being understood and agreed that Twenty days' teaching shall constitute a month, and that on Saturday there shall be No School

And the said School District hereby agree to keep the school house in repair; to provide the necessary fuel and school register, and for the services of said teacher, as prescribed above, well and duly performed, to pay said teacher the sum of Thirty Five Dollars per school month, at the end of each month, ^{after Jan 1899} during a term of nine school months, commencing on the Fifth day of Sept, A. D. 1898:

Provided, That in case such teacher shall be legally dismissed from school, or shall have her certificate legally annulled, by expiration or otherwise, then said teacher shall not be entitled to compensation from and after such dismissal or annulment:

Provided further, That the wages of said teacher for the last month of the school term shall not be paid unless said teacher shall have made the reports for the school term, as required by law.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto subscribed our names, this 5th day of Sept, 1898

J. G. Schmitz, Director.
E. G. Purvis, Treasurer.
J. L. McMillen, Clerk.
Margaret B. Darling, Teacher.

REMARKS.—This contract should be made out in duplicate and one copy given to the teacher. No board should allow a teacher to commence school until a written contract is properly signed by both parties.

TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.

Second GRADE.

No. 122

(COPY)

County of Marathon

It is Hereby Certified That Margaret Darling has passed a satisfactory examination upon all points required by law for a Second Grade Certificate, and she is licensed to teach in the County of Marathon for Two Years from the date hereof, unless this certificate is sooner annulled.

THE FOLLOWING IS HER STANDING IN THE SEVERAL BRANCHES UPON THE SCALE OF 10:

Orthoepy <u>94</u>	Mental Arithmetic <u>88</u>	U. S. History <u>82</u>	Algebra <u>66</u>
Orthography <u>90</u>	Written Arithmetic <u>88</u>	Theory & Art of Teaching <u>88</u>	Physiology <u>93</u>
Reading <u>95</u>	English Grammar <u>96</u>	Constitution of U. S. <u>90</u>	Physical Geography <u>86</u>
Penmanship <u>90</u>	Geography <u>83</u>	Constitution of Wis. <u>X</u>	Natural Philosophy <u>X</u>
			Geometry <u>X</u>

Dated Sept 1st, 1898

John L. Lament
 County Superintendent:

No. 16

MARATHON COUNTY.

2nd Grade.

Wisconsin Common Schools

TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE

It is Hereby Certified, That Maggie Harling has passed
 a satisfactory examination upon all points required by law for a Second Grade
 Certificate, and she is licensed to teach in the County of Marathon for
Two year from date hereof, unless this Certificate is sooner annulled.

The following is her Standing in the Several Branches, upon the scale of 100:

Orthoepy, - - - - -	76	Arithmetic, - - - - -	88	Constitutions, - - - - -	77	Physiology, - - - - -	86
Orthography, - - - - -	80	English Grammar, - - - - -	75	Theory and Art of Teaching, - - - - -	90	Physical Geography, - - - - -	87
Reading, - - - - -	92	Geography, - - - - -	68	Grammatical Analysis, - - - - -	87	Natural Philosophy, - - - - -	
Writing, - - - - -	82	United States History, - - - - -	80	Algebra, - - - - -	82	Geometry, - - - - -	

Age 18 Years. Experience 11 Months.

Did — attend the last County Institute. — Days.

Dated April 20 1892

A. A. Strupp Co. Supt.

No. 412CLARK COUNTY. Third Grade.

WISCONSIN COMMON SCHOOLS,

TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.

It is Hereby Certified, That Maggie Darling has passed a satisfactory examination, upon all points required by law, for a 8th Grade Certificate, and that she is authorized to teach any Public School in the _____ County of Clark and State of Wisconsin, for one year from the date hereof, unless this Certificate is sooner annulled.

The following is her standing in the several branches on a scale of ten:

Orthography..... <u>8.4</u>	Geography..... <u>5.5</u>	Constitution of U. S. <u>9.8</u>	Elementary Algebra.....
Reading..... <u>7.5</u>	Arithmetic..... <u>5.2</u>	Theory and Art of Teaching..... <u>8.0</u>	Higher Algebra.....
Penmanship..... <u>8.0</u>	History..... <u>5.0</u>	Physiology..... <u>9.7</u>	Natural Philosophy.....
Grammar..... <u>9.0</u>	Orthoepy..... <u>6.0</u>	Grammatical Analysis.....	Geometry.....
	Constitution of Wisconsin..... <u>6.0</u>	Physical Geography.....	

Did. not attend the last County Institute.

Neillsville, Wis., ... Apr 22 ..., 189 1.

G. E. Grothues
COUNTY SUPT.

Marshall, Minn.,
May 18, 1903.

Miss Marguerite Darling,
Schofield, Wis.,

Dear Madam:

I am requested to notify
you that you were elected, on Saturday
Evening last, to a position in a seventh
grade in our schools.

Please say if you accept.

Very truly,
Clarence M. Boutelle.

No. 56

Wisconsin Common Schools.

Second GRADE.



Marathon



County.



TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.

It is Hereby Certified That Margaret Darling has passed a satisfactory examination upon all points required by law for a Second Grade Certificate, and is licensed to teach in the County of Marathon for Two year from date hereof, unless this Certificate is sooner annulled.

The following is her Standing in the Several Branches, upon the scale of 100:

Orthography,.....	100	English Grammar,.....	✓ 96	Wisconsin Constitution,.....	✓ 90	Algebra,.....	66
Orthoepy,.....	✓ 94	Arithmetic,.....	88	U. S. Constitution,.....	✓ 90	Grammatical Analysis,.....	85
Reading,.....	95	Geography,.....	83	U. S. History,.....	✓ 82	Higher Algebra,.....	x
Pennmanship,.....	90	Physiology,.....	✓ 93	Theory and Art of Teaching,.....	88	Natural Philosophy,.....	x
				Physical Geography,.....	86	Geometry,.....	x

Age, 26 Years, Experience..... Months, Attended the last County Institute..... Days,

Dated May 1st 1901.

John T. Lamont

County Superintendent.

After 10 days, return to
CHAS. E. PATTERSON,
MARSHALL, MINN.



Miss Margaret Darling,
City

Marshall, Minn., May 12 1904

Miss Darling:-

I am pleased to notify
you of your election as one
of the grade teachers in our
schools for the coming year.

Please reply at an early
date and oblige the Board of Edu-
cation.

Very Respectfully,
Chas. E. Peterson,
Clerk

To
Miss Margaret B. Darling,
City.

To Whom it may Concern, -

This is to certify, that as far as I know and am capable of judging, by observation and information, Miss Margaret Darling, of Unity, Wis., is a young lady of excellent moral character and has such a standing in the community where she resides and I cheerfully recommend her as a suitable person to enter a good training school for nurses.

E. G. Vischer Pastor

M. E. Church

Unity Wis.

Dated Feby. 13, 1901.

CLARENCE M. BOUTELLE, LL. D.,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
MARSHALL, MINNESOTA.

INSTRUCTOR IN
UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL,
MINNEAPOLIS, 1897-1903.

MARSHALL, MINN. June 1, 1903

Dear Miss Darling:

Your salary has been fixed at \$50 per month. Examinations are given in all the counties of the state about Aug. 1st.

Very truly,
Clarence M. Boutelle.

Unity, Wis. Mch. 31st, 1903.

It gives me pleasure to state that Miss Margaret Darling taught the Primary Department of the Unity Public Schools six years; and, at its close, was the unanimous choice for another years work. The spirit of progress, however, which is one of Miss Darling's strong points, prompted her to secure a higher grade of work at an increase in salary.

From my own knowledge of her I wish to say that she is a devoted teacher, industrious, pleasant to work with, untiring in her efforts to be of benefit to her pupils, and possessed of high ideals of conduct and of scholarship.

I have no hesitancy in recommending Miss Margaret B. Darling to any desiring her services as a teacher, and feel sure that the character of her work will bear out every portion of this recommendation.

Very sincerely,
D. H. Shephard

Pais H.S.

County Superintendent of Schools,

Marathon County.

JOHN F. LAMONT, SUPT.
JOHN NEUENSCHWANDER, DEPUTY.

WAUSAU, WIS., 190.....

I take pleasure in saying a good word for the work done by Miss Margaret Darling. She has taught under my supervision for several years and I consider her one of the very best grade teachers I have ever had the pleasure of inspecting. She has good method, tact, and discipline.

I unreservedly recommend her to the favorable attention of any school board wishing the services of a first class, grade teacher.

Wausau, Wis., March 19, 1903.

John F. Lamont

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Schofield, Wis., Mch. 25, 1903.

Miss Margaret Darling has taught the intermediate grades of our school during the past year.

Her work has been perfectly satisfactory in every respect.

Her aims in school work are of the best.

Her methods are modern and up to date.

She is thorough in every department of her work and never leaves a portion of her work undone.

I do not hesitate in saying she is one of the best teachers I have ever worked with.

Yours Respectfully,

Walter S. Rosenbury

Prin. of Schools 1900-1903.

Marshall Public Schools,
Merton P. Fobes, Supt.

Marshall, Minn., July 22, 1904

My dear Miss Darling:

I have heard that you are uncertain as to whether you will return to Marshall another year. I would like to know at once so that I can fill the place at once, in case you desire not to return.

Very truly

M. P. Fobes

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
MARSHALL, MINNESOTA.
RETURN IN TEN DAYS.



Miss Margaret Darling

Winty, Wis.

STATE OF MINNESOTA

**TEACHER'S
SECOND**



**CERTIFICATE
GRADE**

This certifies that Margaret B. Darling
took an examination held in LAC QUI PARLE County,
on AUGUST 1903.

is a skillful teacher, and possessed of a good moral character. This candidate has the qualifications of age and experience required by law and is entitled to the following standings:

Professional Requirements, 84 %; Skill in Teaching ✓ %.

Hrs. C. Borchardt

County Superintendent of Schools,

LAC QUI PARLE County.

Department of Public Instruction

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The holder of this certificate has passed the examinations required by law for a **SECOND GRADE CERTIFICATE** and is entitled to the standings given below:

	PER CENT		PER CENT		PER CENT
Arithmetic	<u>71</u>	History of the U. S.	<u>65</u>	Reading	<u>97</u>
Composition	<u>70</u>	Pennmanship	<u>70</u>	Spelling	<u>96</u>
Geography	<u>83</u>	Physiology and Hygiene	<u>92</u>	Drawing (optional)	<u>—</u>
Grammar	<u>77</u>		<u>—</u>	Music (optional)	<u>—</u>
	<u>—</u>		<u>—</u>		<u>—</u>
	<u>—</u>		<u>—</u>		<u>—</u>

By virtue of the authority conferred on me by Chapter 101, Laws of 1899, I hereby authorize the employment of the holder of this certificate as a teacher in the public schools of LAC QUI PARLE County, Minnesota for **TWO** years from date given below. Not valid unless signed above by the county superintendent.

This certificate is valid in Common School Districts. It is also valid in all grades below the high school in Special and Independent Districts unless the Board of Education in any such district shall, by formal action, decide otherwise.

It may be made valid in any county by the endorsement of the county superintendent of such county.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 1st, 1903.

J. H. Olson
State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

J. H. CLARK, M. D.



Unity, Wis.

1901

It is to certify that Miss Maggie Darling
has not been exposed to. And is not infected
with any contagious or infectious disease.
And that physically, her condition is that
of good health.

J. H. Clark

Marshall, Minn. Aug. 20, 1904

My dear Miss Darling -

I am sure that under the conditions you may consider yourself released from your engagement with us. If you hear nothing to the contrary by the next mail you are released.

I trust your father's health will be restored soon. You have my sympathy and best wishes. Your pupils will be disappointed.

Sincerely,

M. P. Fobes

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS,

MARSHALL, MINNESOTA.

RETURN IN TEN DAYS.



Miss Margaret B. Darling.

Unity,

Wisc.

No. 26Third Grade.

MARATHON



COUNTY.

WISCONSIN COMMON SCHOOLS.

TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE.

It is Hereby Certified, THAT Margaret Darling HAS PASSED A
SATISFACTORY EXAMINATION UPON ALL POINTS REQUIRED BY LAW FOR A Third GRADE CERTIFICATE, AND IS
LICENSED TO TEACH IN THE County — OF Marathon — FOR one
YEAR FROM DATE HEREOF, UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS SOONER ANNULLED.

THE FOLLOWING IS her STANDING IN THE SEVERAL BRANCHES, UPON THE SCALE OF 100:

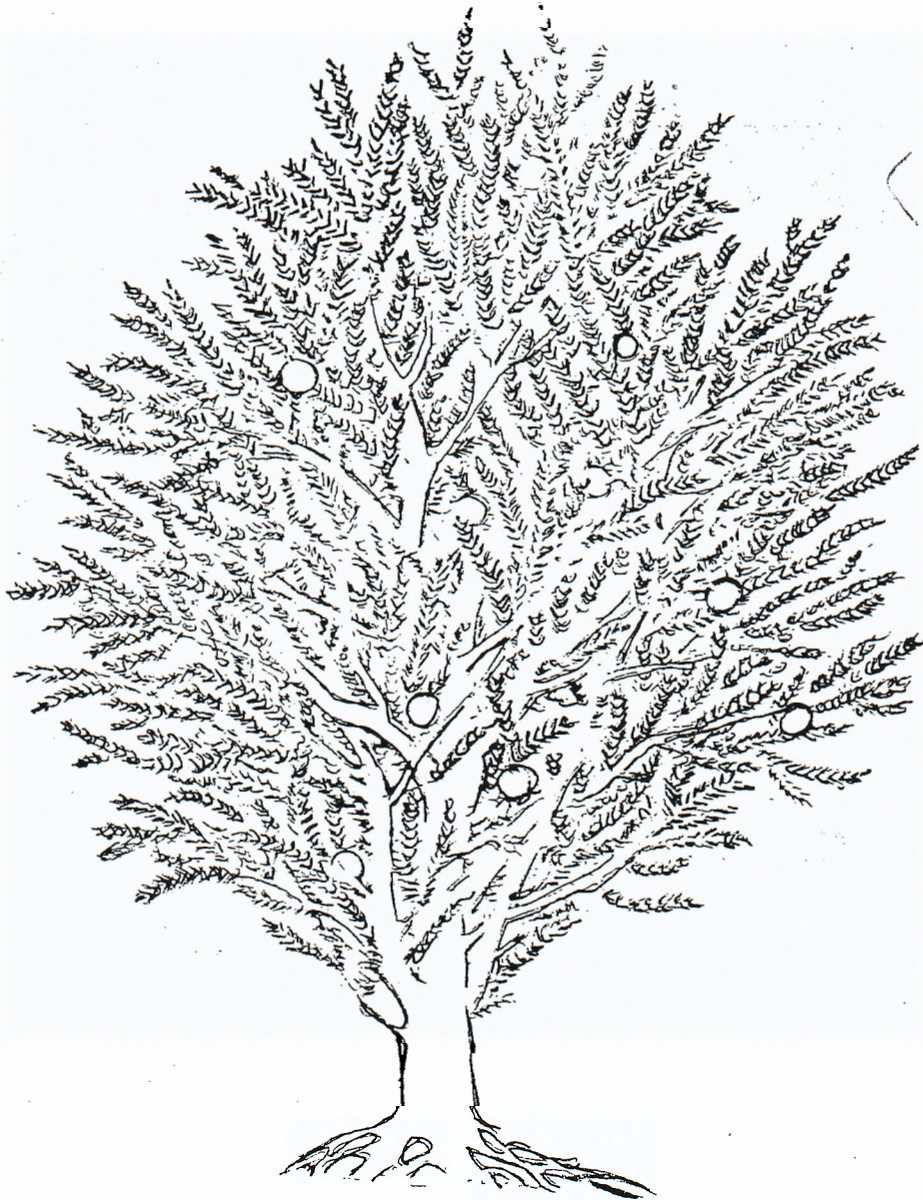
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Orthoepy, - - - - -	<u>94</u>	Arithmetic, - - - - -	<u>88</u>	U. S. Constitution, - - - - -	<u>100</u>	Grammatical Analysis, - - - - -	<u>X</u>
Reading, - - - - -	<u>95</u>	Geography, - - - - -	<u>83</u>	U. S. History, - - - - -	<u>82</u>	Higher Algebra, - - - - -	<u>X</u>
Writing, - - - - -	<u>90</u>	Physiology, - - - - -	<u>93</u>	Theory and Art of Teaching, - - - - -	<u>88</u>	Natural Philosophy, - - - - -	<u>X</u>
				Physical Geography, - - - - -	<u>X</u>	Geometry, - - - - -	<u>X</u>

AGE 22 YEARS. EXPERIENCE 47 MONTHS.

DID — ATTEND THE LAST COUNTY INSTITUTE 5 DAYS.

DATED Sept. 1st 1896. John F. Hamont Co. SUPT.

The Cook Family Reunion



Pascagoula, Mississippi

July 10-12, 1987



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Family Members:

Thanks be to God for all of you. It has been my privilege to serve as your president for the past year. It has been a wonderful and rewarding experience for me. To be a part of the first Cook family reunion is also a treat.

In any goal you try to achieve, you will find obstacles and disappointments along the way. The planning and implementing of this family reunion has been no exception. Thank God for those of you who stood by us from the beginning to make this event a reality.

We have been blessed by having two children of the original family members still with us. They are: Judge Cook and Christina Cook Parsons Anderson. This alone, is reason enough to be celebrating a family reunion.

I would like to commend Leonard McEwen and the persons who worked with him in preparing our family history. He worked long and hard to make sure everyone knew their rightful place. All of the family history forms were not returned, so this made the task more difficult.

I thank you for your prayers and whatever way you may have supported us during the past year. Your trust and kindness will never be forgotten. I love you and may God bless.

Sincerely,

Emile Sonny Cook

Emile (Sonny) Cook

COOK FAMILY REUNION

JULY 10-12, 1987

July 10, 1987-Registration and Reception

7:00-9:00 Asbury Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
1205 Convent Avenue, Pascagoula, MS

July 11, 1987-Free Time, you may swim, bowl, or skate.

10:00- See Lorenzo Cook, Jr. for details

6:30- Banquet-Travel Motor Inn
Highway 90, Pascaogula, MS.

9:00- Socil Hour
Sugar's Lounge, N. Market Street or see
Lorenzo Cook, Jr. for details

July 12, 1987-Worship Service

10:50 Asbury Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
1205 Convent Avenue, Pascagoula, MS
PLEASE BE ON TIME SO WE ALL CAN BE
SEATED TOGETHER

COOK FAMILY REUNION
PROGRAM

PRELUDE	Antony Thomas
SONG	"God Has Smiled On Me"
SCRIPTURE	Leonard McEwen
PRAYER	Norman Cook, Sr.
WELCOME	Alice Marsallis
SOLO	Shirlean McEwen
MEAL	
RECOGNITION OF GUEST	
REMARKS	
ELECTION OF OFFICERS	

COOK FAMILY MENU

7-11-87

Meat: Ham (Spiced)

Turkey & Dressing with Cranberry Sauce

Vegetables: Candid Yams

English Peas

String Beans

Beverages: Tea (sweet and unsweet)

Dessert: Choose from 3

Salad: Choose from 4

OFFICERS

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Emile J. Cook, Sr.

Vice-President

Lorenzo Cook, Jr.

Secretary

Sylvia Pearson

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Karen Cook

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Historian (Elect)

Rose Antonia Joe

Historian

Leonard McEwen

Chaplain

Norman Cook, Sr.

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Debra Rich

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Leonard McEwen

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Lanston Pickett

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Felicia Cook

Jocelyn Cook

Venus Berry

Eugene Cook, Jr.

Darlene Thomas

Anthony Thomas

COOK FAMILY REUNION

Frederick H. Cook, Jr. (20.00)	Leo Cook (20.00)
Mardes L. Durden (20.00)	Audrey Cook McEwen (20.00)
Earline C. Durden (20.00)	A. D. McEwen (20.00)
Janice C. Bennett (20.00)	Leonard McEwen (20.00)
Camilla L. Jackson (20.00)	Shirlean McEwen (15.00)
Lucille Bennett (20.00)	Jasmine Smith (15.00)
Franklin L. Jackson (20.00)	Shirley Bonner (20.00)
DeCarlo Bennett (20.00)	Eric T. Bonner (20.00)
Vermel H. Dillon (20.00)	Lorenzo Cook, Sr. (20.00)
Tawana Beverly (20.00)	Tisha Mae Cook (20.00)
Sylvia Pearson (20.00)	Elizabeth Pickett (20.00)
Trenda Burney (20.00)	Darlene Thomas (20.00)
Jermaine Pearson (15.00)	Jerald Thomas, Sr. (20.00)
Dennis Pearson (20.00)	Antony Thomas (20.00)
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Marvin Pickett (20.00)	Willie Cook (20.00)
Marvin Leon Pickett, II (15.00)	Edward King, Jr. (20.00)
Emile J. Cook, Sr. (20.00)	Shirley King (20.00)
Earnestine B. Cook (20.00)	Delores Laster (20.00)
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Jocelyn Cook (20.00)	Alice Marsalis (20.00)
Marie Cook (20.00)	Eddie Marsalis (20.00)
Emile J. Cook, Jr. (20.00)	Paulette Bolton (20.00)
Rosa Lee Thomas (20.00)	Eric Bolton (20.00)
Warner Jr. Thomas (20.00)	Mattie Cook Taylor (20.00)
Laura G. Thomas (20.00)	Evelyn Ware (20.00)
Emelda Simmons (20.00)	Larry Simmons (15.00)

Kevin Simmons (10.00)

Maryl Ware (20.00)

Terrell Ware (15.00)

Vincent Cook (15.00)

Willa Ree Hyde (20.00)

Diane Ware (20.00)

Mia Ware (20.00)

Felicia Cook (20.00)

Lorenzo Cook, Jr. (20.00)

Your \$20.00 entitles you to:

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T-Shirt-----	\$ 5.00
Sun Visor-----	1.25
Booklet-----	2.00
Banquet-----	9.68
Reception-----	2.00
	<u>\$ 19.93</u>

T-Shirt-----	\$ 5.00
Sun Visor-----	1.25
Banquet-----	6.90
Reception-----	1.00
	<u>\$14.15</u>

T-Shirt-----	\$ 5.00
Sun Visor-----	1.25
Banquet-----	3.05
	<u>\$ 9.30</u>

Decorations cover .07, .85, and .70 respectively. Balloons, etc.

Amount Received \$1,255.00

Amount Paid Out { T-Shirt
Sun Visor
Booklet
Balloons } \$898.45

Banquet }
Reception } \$603.91

Total
Paid out

Balance(-) \$247.36

\$1,502.36

Origins of the Cook family

Elizebeth



O.O.B.
1846

Andrew



O.O.B.
1811

Moses



O.O.B.
1845

Benjamin



O.O.B.
1851

Jerry



O.O.B.
1854

PREFACE

Research for this report was furnished by interviews with relatives and documentation from the local library.

Documentation from the library extended as far back as 1880. The most current of these reports was dated 1900.

With this in mind, the reader should understand that if the name of one of the relatives with whom he or she is familiar does not appear, it could be that the person's existence was not variable with the information at the writer's disposal.

There has been no attempt made here to make anyone feel slighted. The report is constructed in such a manner that if the reader cannot find a relationship with one individual it can be found with another.

Sitting down with first one family member then another has been interesting. People spoke about their early experiences and how those experiences effected their lives. Many of the people named in the following pages have been dead for years. However, the effect they had on those who came to know and love them lived on.

Leonard McEwen

The Cook family's roots have been traced back to Demopolis, Alabama. They lived there in slavery. The surname of their owners was "Cook". As was the tradition of the day, slaves took on the surname of their owners. Speculation has it, that sometime following the Emancipation Proclamation, which abolished slavery, our ancestors migrated to Mississippi. They settled in a small town known then as Scranton. The name of that town was changed in later years to Pascagoula. As best can be determined, our ancestors settled here for purposes of employment.

We as a family can take a lot of pride in our roots. Reports that can be varified to this day, give us a pretty clear look at what sort of people our ancestors were and how they lived. Religion played a major role in their day to day lives. Their faith consisted of more than merely attending church. Religious practices have been reported to have been a daily occurance in the home. There was no such thing as being allowed not to participate. Your presence in the home and your participation simply went hand in hand. The writer was informed that if a child in the home just happened to be sleeping when services began, that child would be made to get up and take part. As we all know, with the passage of times comes change. The daily prayer ritual may be a thing of the past, but the family's faith in God remains strong.

Now we are to look at the nature of the family relationship from another perspective. We know now about the role religion played. However, let us consider how our ancestors related to one another. When adults talked, children were not allowed to sit near, let alone contribute to the conversation. Children were assigned specific chores. Those chores were that child's responsibility. A certain degree of pressure existed to help assure that children would be obedient. For example, if a child misbehaved in the presence of an adult, it was socially acceptable for that adult to discipline the child. Fathers worked to support their family. They were the head of the household. Wives reared the children and took care of the house.

The reader should not allow himself to believe that only the Cook family lived as has been described above. For the sake of accuracy, it should be made clear that the way of life described here is indicative to the times in which the people lived. As you are aware, all households are different. What can be said of one, may or may not hold true for another.

Recorded documentation shows that as early as 1880 the Cook family had settled in Scranton. As best can be determined four brothers, Andrew, Moses, Ben, and Jerry and one sister Elizabeth and their parents lived here. The siblings mother was named Phyllis. Originally Phyllis was from Ala. The identity of her husband is unknown. We do know, however, that he was from Virginia.

Speculation has it that Phyllis and her husband had many children. This report will discuss only those individuals whose identity has been confirmed. According to the writer's records, Andrew was the eldest child. He grew up and became a minister. He and his wife Phyllis had two children. Their eldest child was named Robert. His younger brother was named Enouch. In adult life, Robert married and he and his wife had a son. The child was named Robert. Whether or not there were any other children is not known. As an adult, young Robert married Mary Washington. The children from this marriage were Rosalee, Shirley, Irene, Les, and Robert. By 1900 Robert's younger brother Enouch had been married, widowed, and married again. He and his first wife Evaline had three children. The children from this marriage were Lucy, Clifton, and Nettie. In adult life, Lucy came to marry Eugene Bostic. They had six children. The children were Eugene, Ella Mae, Edward, Willie, Alvin, Evaline, and Elizabeth. As an adult, Elizabeth married Ralph Pickett. Upon reaching adulthood, Clifton and Nettie moved to Chicago. Enouch and his second wife Annie's children were Evaline, Christina, Dessa, Charles, Clarence, and Antonia. As an adult, Evaline married Sylvester Durden. Christina grew up and married Eddie Lee Parsons. In adult life, Antonia married ~~Walter~~ Anderson. Moses Cook, like his brother Andrew went into the ministry. As best can be determined, he and his wife Mary had five children. The children of this household were James, Isiah, Moses, Edward,

and Mahalia. Elizabeth Phillips and her brother Jerry Cook lived in the same home. Elizabeth's children Helen, Riley, Richel, and sister-in-law Sarah also lived there. Jerry's income as a laborer was the only source of household income detected.

We are now to turn our attention to Benjamin Cook. By trade he was a farmer. He and his wife Rebecca had eleven children. Rebecca died when most of the children were small. Insight into Ben's character shows him as having been a religious, hard working, no nonsense individual. He and his family took part in daily prayer service. These services were held in the home. He was a firm believer in disciplining his children. Ben assigned chores to the children. Doing these chores would be the children's responsibility. Getting children to stay in their place was reportedly quite important to him. In as brief and concise a way as possible, the children of Ben and Rebecca are to be discussed. The children of this union were Eugene, Estelle, Edgar, Lula, Lorenzo, Dora, Lily, Earl, Freddie, Easter, and Judge.

Eugene was the eldest child. He was married three times. His second wife Milisa bore him his only child. Their offspring was named Estelle. Eugene's sister Estelle never married or had any children. Edgar died as a young man. He never married or had any children. Lula married John Dorsey. They named their only child Lula. Lorenzo never married or had any children. Dora married Charles Jackson. They had

no children. Lily married Robert Joseph. They had two children. The children were Celestine and Vertna. Earl was twice married. He and his first wife Elaine had four children. The children were Olivia, Marie, Earl, and Emile. Freddie married Eudora Norvel. Four children were born to them. The children were Frederick, Leonard, Audrey, and Vernon. Easter or "Ethel" as she was called married Albert Thompson. They had two children. The boy died as an infant. The girl was name Eva. Judge married Willie Chapman. They had seven children. The children of this marriage were Norman, Deloris, Willie Mae, Lorenzo, James, Leo, and Eugene.

Sallie Cook's name was found among early census records. She was rumored to have been the wife of Jerry Cook. Records show her as having been the head of her household. Her children were Thomas, Jerry, Phillipine, Mitchell, Manuel, and Betsy.

Many years have come and gone since our ancestors settled in Scranton. The family has had its share of good times and bad. Nevertheless, we as a family have endured. The mere fact that this reunion is taking place is evidence that we care about where we came from. More importantly, that we care about one another. Many facts have been presented for your consideration. Where this family came from and the manner in which they interrelated has been discussed. The question that we can ask ourselves is what if anything can

we do with this information. Hopefully, we will take under consideration the things we have learned and derive some benefit from the knowledge.

The fact that as a whole we don't know each other very well may tell us something. What this could mean is that over the years we have grown apart. In some cases all we know about one another is that we are related. As you undoubtedly know these things can happen. In the hope of the writer as well as everyone else involved in putting this reunion together that we as a family will grow stronger and closer together.

NOTICE

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THE NEXT SECTION CONTAINS ALL OF THE MATERIALS SENT TO
THE FAMILY MEMBERS DURING THE PAST YEAR. ALSO, NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES

COOK FAMILY REUNION

SAT., 16 AUG. '86 ----- GET ACQUAINTED PICNIC
TIME ----- 10 a.m. 'til 5 p.m.
WHERE ----- BEACH PARK (1ST PAVILLON)

THEME: EVERY KINGDOM DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF IS BROUGHT TO
DESOLATION; AND EVERY CITY OR HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST
ITSELF SHALL NOT STAND! ST. MATTHEW 12:25

OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED TO ORGANIZE THE NEXT FAMILY REUNION.

PREPARE A PICNIC LUNCH AND BRING ALL SMALL FAMILY MEMBERS ALONG
AND LET US MAKE THIS A GREAT FAMILY AFFAIR.

FOR INFORMATION CALL
EMILE COOK
762-5259 AREA CODE 601

MARCH 17, 1987

ENCLOSURE: FAMILY HISTORY FORM

DEAR FAMILY MEMBER:

THE FIRST ANNUAL COOK FAMILY REUNION WILL KICK-OFF FRIDAY, JULY 10TH WITH A FISH FRY AT THE HOME OF MR. & MRS. LORENZO COOK, 1210 CONVENT ST., PASCAGOULA, MS. AT 6:30 P.M. PLEASE BE PRESENT FOR THIS WILL BE OUR GET ACQUAINTED NIGHT AND WE WILL PLAN OTHER EVENTS NOT LISTED. EACH MEMBER WILL RECEIVE AN ITINERARY, FAMILY BOOKLET, AND SOUVENIRS. ALSO EACH MEMBER WILL REGISTER AND RECEIVE A NAME TAG.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 11, 1987, THE MEN WHO ARE INTERESTED WILL GO FISHING. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN GOING SHOPPING. THE CHILDREN WILL BE CHAPERONED TO THE SKATING RINK WHERE THEY CAN RENT SKATES, OTHERS CAN GO BOWLING.

THE BANQUET WILL BE SATURDAY AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE TRAVEL MOTOR INN. A DANCE WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BANQUET.

THE TRAVEL MOTOR INN WILL RESERVE ROOMS FOR OUR OUT OF TOWN FAMILY MEMBERS. ROOMS ARE \$25.00 FOR SINGLE ACCOMMODATIONS, \$30.00 FOR DOUBLE, \$45.00 FOR FOUR BED SUITES AND \$56.00 FOR SIX BED SUITES. THIS FEE IS SEPARATE SO PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW. THE MOTEL NUMBER IS AREA CODE 601-762-8210.

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 12, 1987 WILL END OUR FIRST ANNUAL COOK FAMILY REUNION. WE WILL ATTEND 11:00 A.M. SERVICE AT ASBURY CHAPEL. AFTERWARDS THERE WILL BE A SHORT GATHERING IN THE CHURCH SOCIAL HALL, REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEARS REUNION WILL BE HELD.

THERE WILL BE SOUVENIRS FOR EVERYONE, T-SHIRTS WITH THE COOK FAMILY LOGO.

EACH ADULT IS REQUIRED TO PAY \$20.00 AND EACH CHILD UNDER 12 YEARS OLD, \$15.00.

IF THERE ARE ANY FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN OMITTED, PLEASE FORGIVE THE COMMITTEE, AND TELL THAT MEMBER TO SEND THEIR MONEY BECAUSE WE WOULD LIKE COMPLETE PARTICIPATION. WE ARE ALL DESCENDANTS OF COOK'S. WE HAVE NOT INTENTIONALLY LEFT ANYONE OUT.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL MONEY IS MAY 15, 1987. PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO THE COOK FAMILY REUNION, P.O. BOX 2517 PASCAGOULA, MS 39568.

EMILE J. COOK, SR., PRESIDENT

THE COOK FAMILY REUNION

Frederick H. Cook, Jr.
Mardes L. Durden
Earline C. Durden
Janice C. Bennett
Camilla L. Jackson
Lucille Bennett
Franklin L. Jackson
DeCarlo Bennett
Vermel H. Dillon
Tawana Beverly
Sylvia Pearson
Trenda Burney
Jermaine Pearson
Dennis Pearson
Curtis Pearson
Helen T. Johnson
Marvin Pickett
Marvin Leon Pickett II
Emile J. Cook, Sr.
Earnestine B. Cook
Karen Cook
Jocelyn Cook
Marie Cook
Emile J. Cook, Jr.
Rosa Lee Thomas
Warner (Jr.) Thomas
Laura G. Thomas
Leo Cook

Audrey Cook McEwen
A. D. McEwen
Leonard McEwen
Shirlean McEwen

Shirley McEwen Bonner
Eric T. Bonner

NEWSPAPER RELEASE

Cook Family Celebration

More than one hundred members of the Cook family assembled at the Pascagoula Beach Park recently, for an old fashioned picnic and organizational meeting for the 1987, family reunion.

During the program, a candle was lit in memory of all deceased members by the oldest family member, Norman Cook, Sr., who is 91. Songs were led by Marvin Pickett, Prayer of Thanksgiving by Rev. Langston Pickett.

The officers elected for the year are:

Emile J. Cook, Sr., President
Lorenzo Cook, Jr., Vice President
Shirley Bonner, Treasurer
Sylvin Pearson, Secretary
Karen Cook, Assistant Secretary
Rose A. Joe, Historian

Family members having traveled the greatest distance were: Ethel A. Carter, Wilmington, North Carolina, Rose A. Joe, New Orleans, Louisiana.

If you have any suggestions for the reunion, please notify one of the officers listed above.

Cook family

The Cook family reunion will be held July 10-12 at the Travel Motor Inn of Pascagoula, with a reception Friday night. Saturday activities will include fishing, shopping, bowling, skating and a banquet at the inn.

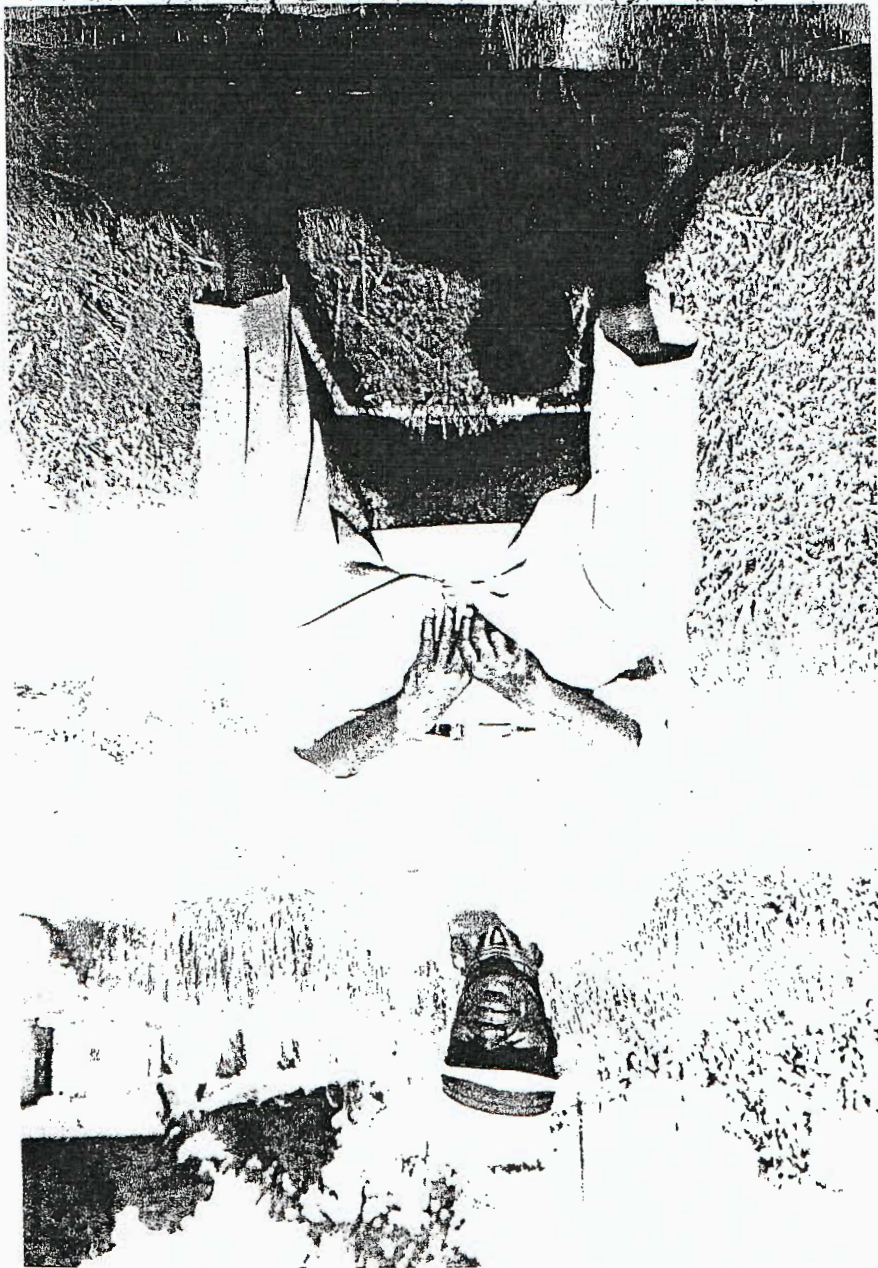
The weekend will climax Sunday with the family worshipping together at Asbury Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church during the 11 a.m. service.

All family members are being urged to participate. For more information call Emile J. Cook at 762-5259 or 769-6516.

Benjamin Cook



Earl Cook Sr.



Fred Cook Sr.



Emile Look Sr.



Feb 22, 1946 PASCAGOULA

McEwen-Dessommès Wedding Solemnized In Ocean Springs

St. Alphonsus church at Ocean Springs was the setting for a wedding of special interest to many friends in that city as well as in Pascagoula and other towns along the coast when Miss Marie Kettly Dessommès became the bride to George Eugene McEwen, returned war veteran, February 13, at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The service was conducted in the presence of relatives and a few close friends with the Reverend Francis Deigan officiating at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Arthur Marx as matron of honor while the groom had as best man, his brother-in-law, Mayon Johnson, all of Ocean Springs.

The bride was lovely in a suit of green flannel with which she wore black accessories and a corsage composed of two perfect gardenias. Mrs. Marx wore an afternoon gown of black and yellow with black accessories. Her flowers were a corsage of lillies.

Following an informal reception at the home of Mrs. Dessommès, 35 West Porter avenue, Mr. and Mrs. McEwen enjoyed a short wedding trip along the coast. They are now making their home with the Dessommès until they are able to secure apartments in Pascagoula where they will reside.

Mr. McEwen is the son of Mrs. Alice McEwen of Ocean Springs.

Out-of-town guests for the ceremony were Mrs. John Grasin, Mrs. Lily Dessommès, Mrs. Paul Delaune and Miss Beatrice McEwen of New Orleans, and Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Dick, Bay St. Louis.

McEwen Jr., Albert Dudley

Feb. 10, 2009

The Life of

Albert Dudley McEwen, Jr.

Albrt Dudley McEwen, Jr., was born January 18, 1952 in Pascagoula, MS. He passed on to eternity on January 22, 2009 in Tampa, FL. Albert was affectionately referred to as "Junior" by family and friends. He was the eldest of five children born to A.D. and Audrey P. McEwen. He was baptized at St. Mark United Methodist Church. As a child he enjoyed playing sports and excelled in scouting. Junior played in the band at school for a number of years. His instrument of choice was the snare drum. In later years, he became a member of a local band. No one could play a set of drums better! Junior was a popular and well liked person his entire life. Upon graduating from Carver High School in 1970, he went to Jackson State University and majoredd in Business Administration. He later decided to transfer to the College of Pharmacy at Xavier University in New Orleans, LA. During his stay at Xavier he met his first wife, Shirley Green. At the time they met, Shirley was a widowed mother of a six month old daughter, Melva. He loved her as his own. Junior and Shirley married. One child was born to this union. The named their baby Tarnisha Patience and nicknamed her Me-Me. Tarnisha was the love of Junior's life. After the marriage between Junior and Shirley ended, he met and married Patrice Dorsen. Three children were born to this union: Albert Dudley III, Armand and Alexander. Junior loved to make people happy. He was skilled at cooking and truly enjoyed himself in the kitchen. Next to his love for God, he loved his family. Albert Jr. was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Fred and Eudora Cook, Sr. of Pascagoula, MS and paternal grandparents, Garfield and Lottie McEwen of McComb, MS. He was survived by his wife, Patrice McEwen of Wesley Chapel, FL; two daughters, Tarnisha (Andre) Hines of Allen, TX and Dr. Melva Green of Reisterstown, MD; three sons Albert Dudley III, Pascagoula,

MS; brothers Leonard (Kathy) McEwen of Moss Point, MS and Randolph (Terri) McEwen of Tampa, FL; three sisters Audrey "Sister" McEwen of Land O Lakes, FL Shirley McEwen of Pascagoula, MS and Alfreida Colston of Moss Point, MS; an uncle Leonard Cook of Pascagoula, MS; two aunts Katherine Cook of Moss Point, MS and Katie McEwen of McComb, MS; one grandchild JB Brown Jr. and the following nieces and nephews, Shirlean (Brian) Law, Jasmine Smith, Candice Bown, Erica Bonner, Eric Bonner, Jr, Gabrielle McEwen, Shane McEwen, Chantel Bonner, Jaswan Butler, Ashley McEwen, Kenneth Clark, and special friend Leroy Edwards.